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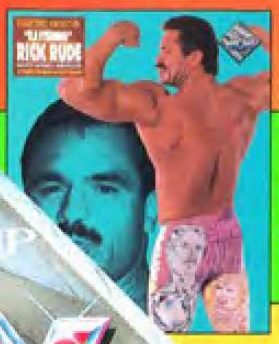

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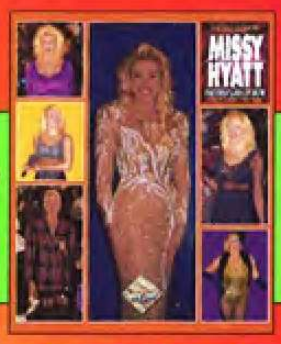

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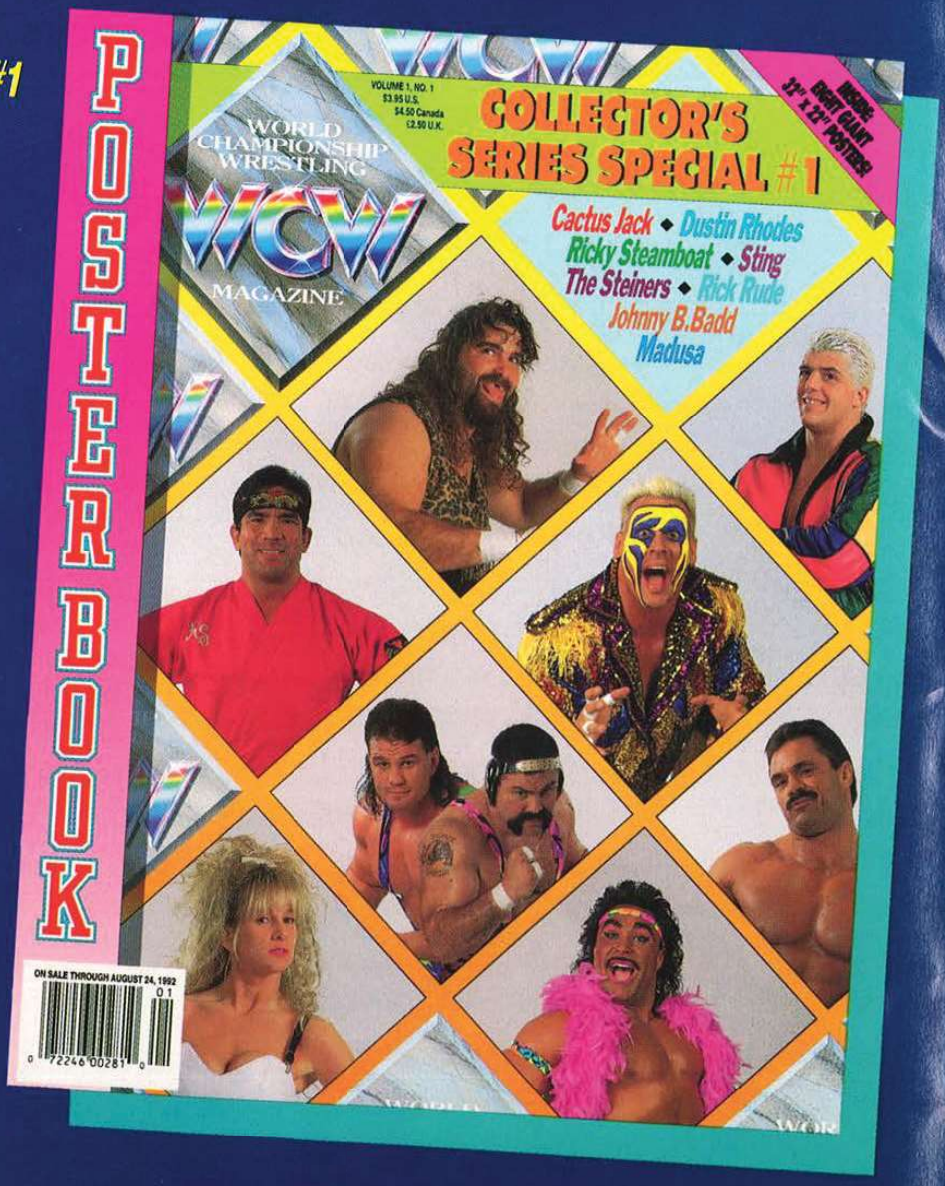

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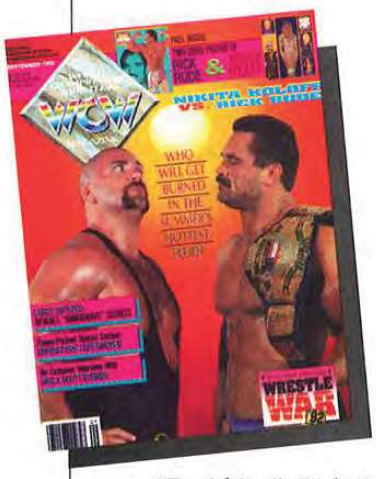

I thought we'd get away with it.

I really did.

I thought *WCW Magazine* would complete its debut year of publication without any major controversies.

Thanks, Paul.

Not that this is a particularly earth-shattering or, in retrospect, shocking announcement, but here goes:

"Ravishing" Rick Rude may *not* be your choice as WCW's sexiest superstar.

A poll determining wrestling's sexiest superstar is fun, of course, something not to be taken too seriously. Apparently, though, Paul E. Dangerously took the poll seriously enough to affect the outcome.

We think.

As we approached the final deadline for this issue, Sting appeared to be leading in the balloting. Literally days before going to press, a massive influx of votes for Rick Rude was reported by the agency hired to tabulate the many thousands of ballots we've received. Deadline day came, Rude was leading the pack, and he appears in the centerfold poster (along with your choice in a separate poll for First Lady of WCW, Missy Hyatt).

But the trend in the numbers was unsettling. Vote surges are common in tracking election results, but the influx of ballots for Rude seemed unnatural.

As we go to press with this issue, our tabulation agency has completed only the most preliminary of investigations. Still, early indications have shown that 87 percent of the votes for Rude received in the final week before deadline were postmarked from three locations: Scarsdale, New York; Robbinsdale, Minnesota; and Atlanta, Georgia.

Thanks, Paul.

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LATE-BREAKING NEWS

By Dennis A. Brent, Senior Editorial Consultant

A look at the most recent happenings in and around World Championship Wrestling

Bill Watts, the new head of WCW, has promised fans that WCW will boast the toughest action available anywhere.

NEW BOSS IN WCW: "COWBOY" BILL WATTS

For those of you who have not yet heard the big news, there is a new man in charge at WCW: Bill Watts—"Cowboy" Bill Watts to those who remember him as a main-event wrestler or as president of Mid-South Sports and later the UWF in the late-'70s and early-'80s. Watts' brand of wrestling is *the* most exciting action you have ever seen, and his arrival in WCW is the best thing to happen in this sport in the past five years.

K. Allen Frey is no longer with WCW. He was promoted to a position with Turner Home Entertainment, and we wish him well.

With Watts hired to be vice president of wrestling, Dusty Rhodes as head talent coordinator and matchmaker, and Jim Ross overseeing a great deal of the television production, TBS has displayed a strong commitment to quality pro wrestling. In a lot of ways, the hiring of Watts signifies a whole new start for WCW.

"WCW will *not* be a second-rate poor imitation of the WWF," Watts said. "In fact, WCW will not be anything like the WWF ever again. We are returning to the solid roots of pro wrestling, and fans will see matches filled with solid pro wrestling action.

"If you can't wrestle," Watts added, "then get out of WCW or go to the WWF, because WCW is going to consist of the toughest, roughest wrestlers I can find."

NEW RULES IN WCW

One of the first decisions Watts made upon arriving in WCW was to remove the protective blue mats from the ringside area. From now on, when a WCW wrestler hits the floor, he'll hit solid concrete—yet another example, Watts said, that WCW is about *wrestling*, not cartoons. "This is the real deal here," Watts said. "It's going to be tough to survive in WCW. These men had better be in shape!"

Another major decision Watts made was to restructure and beef up the rules, something fans have been demanding for a long time. "WCW has been like the old west these past few years," Watts said, "what with wrestlers running roughshod all over the place. This, I promise, is going to change."

Here are the new rules:

- If a wrestler touches a WCW official, he is automatically disqualified.
- If a wrestler comes off the top rope and makes contact with another wrestler, he is automatically disqualified.
- If a wrestler purposely runs his opponent's head into a barricade or ringpost, he is automatically disqualified.

Under new WCW rules, moves from the top rope (above), running an opponent's head into a ringpost (bottom left), and non-traditional ring attire (below) are all out.

- Wrestlers will now have to wear *wrestling* gear into the ring. Illegal boots, suits, slacks, sunglasses, shirts, ties, etc. are all forbidden.
- Wrestlers who no-show arena cards will be fined.

To help enforce these rules, Watts has hired Ole Anderson, one of the most renowned rule-breakers ever, to be the special troubleshooting head referee. Ole knows every trick in the book, so wrestlers will not be able to put anything past him. He is not a wrestler anymore,

he has no personal stake in any current wrestlers, and he has sworn to call everything right down the middle—which he has done in the matches he's officiated thus far.

The new rules *will* be enforced, and fans will get what they paid to see: a great wrestling card. In fact, Watts believes in giving the fans *more* than their money's worth, and has many exciting plans for the future of WCW.

If you like wrestling and are tired of all the cartoons, tell all your friends about WCW—the real deal. And be sure to see us live when we come to an arena near you!

NEW VIDEOS RELEASED

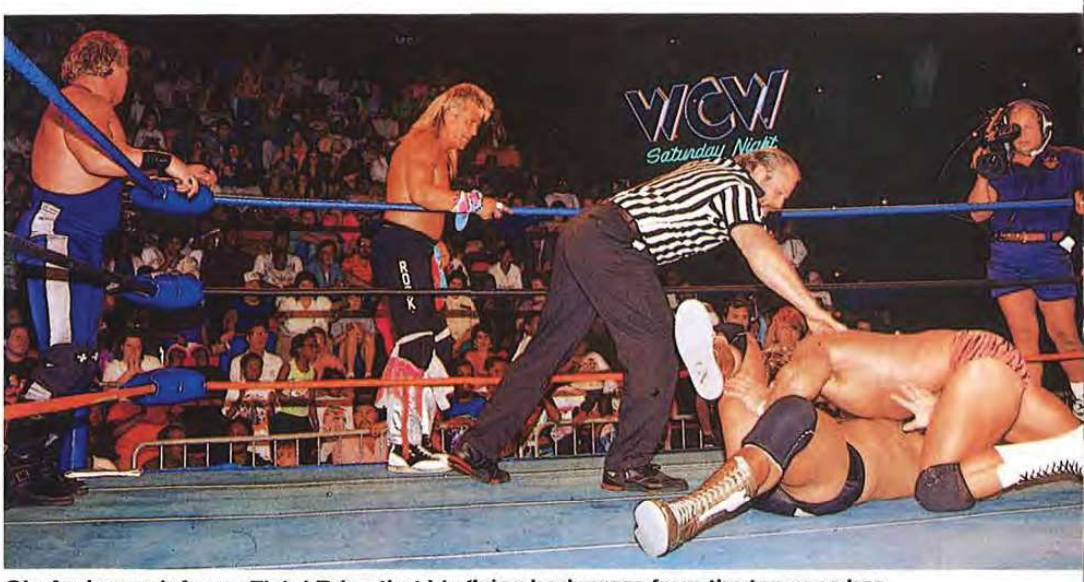
If you missed Wrestle War '92 on pay-per-view, you still have a chance to see all the matches, including the savage—and uncensored—action from War Games, which had 10 of WCW's top superstars battling within the confines of a two-ring steel cage. The Wrestle War '92 video is available to the public right now!

Turner Home Entertainment has released three exciting new "mini videos."

Also, for the first time ever, Turner Home Entertainment has released three mini videos, each approximately 30 minutes in length: *WCW Bone Crushers, WCW Greatest Grudges,* and *WCW Mega Slams.* Each of these tapes includes an introduction and special commentary from the man who tells it like it is, Jesse "The Body" Ventura. Look for these tapes at your local video store and from the WCW merchandise department—they're great!

NEWS BRIEFS

"Dr. Death" Steve Williams and **Terry "Bamm Bamm" Gordy** are both very happy that **Bill Watts** is the new head of WCW and say that they will spend more time wrestling in the U.S. because of it. Watts was their boss in Mid-South and the UWF, and was instrumental in bringing Williams, the four-time All-American, into the sport. Both men have risen through the ranks to hold championships in Watts' federations before, but it is also true that these two men have been fined as much as—if not more than!—all the wrestlers who ever wrestled for Watts, mostly due to excessive violence both in and out of the ring . . . **Paul E. Dangerously** has been very cautious since Watts came in, because this is one boss he's never tested before. Watts has dealt with a lot of shady characters in the past, but never one exactly like Dangerously. On the other hand, Paul E. has never dealt with anyone like Watts before—or with **Ole Anderson** as a referee! . . . What do the wrestlers think of landing on concrete as they are thrown out of the ring? "I like it," said **Cactus Jack**. "I think it's great!" . . . Speaking of the new rules, **Flyin' Brian**, as you know, has won many matches with a flying bodypress off the top rope. In a recent six-man contest, Pillman used this move on **Tracey Smothers** for an apparent win, but Anderson immediately disqualified Brian, who was outraged and complained to Watts. Anderson was backed up by Watts, who said that "Brian knows it's an automatic disqualification to use the top rope, and that's that!" . . . **The Great Muta** has returned to WCW to aid World champion **Sting** in his battles . . . **Nikita Koloff** is outraged that **The Dangerous Alliance** would try to use **Madusa** and money to get him into their group. "I am true to Sting and my friends," he said. "The Alliance disgusts me, that they think I would turn against my friends for money. As the fans know, money has never been the true motivator for me. Honor and respect are my driving forces. The Alliance made a major mistake, and they are going to pay—with their pain!" . . . **Greg Valentine** has a problem with **Ron Simmons** that has grown to involve several wrestlers. It seems that "The Hammer" has been trying to injure as many WCW wrestlers as he can with his figure-four leglock—and frequently succeeding. Simmons has had to save quite a few wrestlers from permanent knee damage, and has received a great deal of help from **Dustin Rhodes**. **The Taylor-Made Man**, meanwhile, has rallied to his former U.S. tag team championship partner's side. "I really don't need an excuse to kick Dustin's butt," Taylor said. "Everyone knows how I feel about the Rhodes family. He's a punk, just like his old man. He'll never be the star that his daddy was, and it drives him crazy!"



Ole Anderson informs Flyin' Brian that his flying bodypress from the top rope has won him a disqualification rather than a match victory.

The Taylor-Made Man says he's happy to wrestle Dustin Rhodes anytime.

FINALLY . . .

If you have enjoyed these news features, call me on The Wrestling Hotline every Wednesday as I present "Late-Breaking News" consisting of up-to-the-minute information and gossip. Give me a call at 1-900-909-9900. If you're under 18, be sure to ask your parents' permission before calling.

Until next time, I'll see you at ringside! ◆

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JAWBONING ON JULY

Say what you want about Sting, there isn't a more courageous man alive.

I'm referring, of course, to the boast he made on the cover of your July '92 issue: "As long as I'm breathing, this belt stays mine!" There's no doubt in my mind that the "Stinger" possesses more guts and determination than anyone else in professional wrestling (after all, who else would bounce back from injury as quickly and as successfully as he has?). I'm equally certain that he'll continue to hold the World heavyweight title for a long time to come.

◆DAVE LINDSAY *London, England*

Your July story on Sting named Cactus Jack as one of the five men most likely to dethrone the "Stinger," along with Big Van Vader, Rick Rude, Steve Austin, and Bobby Eaton.

I think Cactus was a bad pick. Yes, he's a wild wrestler, but he's too unstable to be able to win a title. I would have chosen Arn Anderson for the list. He's a technical master of the mat, and he has the determination and experience to go all the way.

◆BOB HARPER *Seattle, Washington*

I think the question you asked in your July issue was absurd: "Are The Fans Responsible For The Rude-Steamboat War?" Of course not! The ones responsible are Rick Rude, Paul E. Dangerously, and the rest of The Dangerous Alliance.

Steamboat didn't start this war, but you can rest assured he'll finish it!

◆BRENDA WEATHERS
Boston, Massachusetts

Is Cactus Jack the man to unseat Sting from the World title throne? Reader Bob Harper doesn't think so.

Michelle Smith writes that if Madusa wants to interfere in men's matches, she ought to be treated the same as any interfering male wrestler.

How can your magazine now be running a column by "Diamond" Dallas Page? He's an annoyance on the television screen, and he's an even bigger annoyance in print. I say: Down with "Down With DDP"!

◆JEFF HAMILTON *Birmingham, Alabama*

I want to salute Michael Hayes and Jim Garvin for their "Hear Me Out" column in the July issue. Steroids are a problem today in all levels of sports, and even in our schools, and I respect them for speaking out against these dangerous substances.

◆STAN PARKER *Indianapolis, Indiana*

MORE TOURNAMENTS!

I've been a fan of WCW for years, and I love watching the matches on television as much as seeing them in person.

I just want to thank WCW for recently presenting the Super Nintendo Top 10 Challenge tournament on *WCW Worldwide*. It was great! We got to see superb matchups like Ricky Steamboat vs. Cactus Jack, Steve Austin vs. Ricky Steamboat, and Rick Rude vs. Dustin Rhodes. Every match was great!

I hope you'll be doing more tournaments like the Nintendo Challenge in the future!

◆ALAN FRIESE *Minneapolis, Minnesota*

MALICIOUS MADUSA

I am writing with regard to the rumors that are going around about Ricky Steamboat chasing Madusa.

Well, Madusa, I think you are nothing but a liar! I know Ricky Steamboat wants no part of you. Why would he want you when he has a wife at home? And as far as you calling him a woman-beater, you had it coming! In fact, you should have gotten a lot more, and I'm surprised that someone has not done it before now! When you interfere, you should be treated like a man.

I have watched Ricky for many years, and I know that he is certainly not capable of this. I know what type of person he is.

So, Madusa, for once in your life, stop lying and tell the truth! In other words, do the smart thing. Because if you don't, well, believe me: You will regret it.

◆MICHELLE SMITH *Plano, Texas*

RUDE OPINIONS: DIRECT ...

How can anyone like "Ravishing" (I use this term lightly) Rick Rude? In my opinion, he is the most egotistical wrestler to ever be in the sport, with the exception of Jesse "The Body" Ventura. I'm positive that Rude's arrogance will be his downfall.

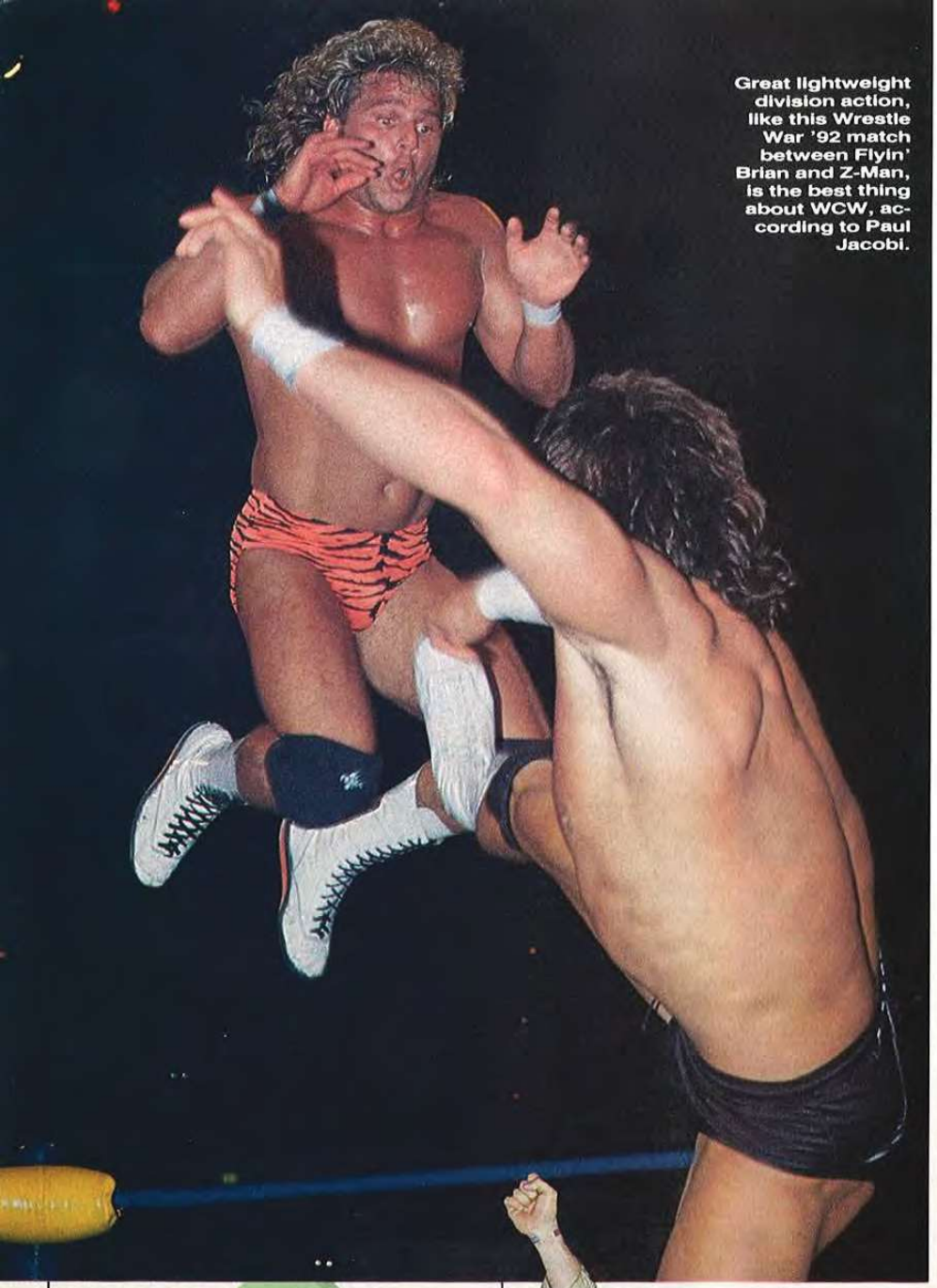
◆CASEY McCANN *Plattsmouth, Nebraska*

... AND TO THE POINT

Let me tell you what I think of Rick Rude: He's the biggest no-good bum that ever lived!

◆MARC PECORARO *Fairlawn, New Jersey*

Rick Rude: the most egotistical wrestler ever, or the biggest bum that ever lived? You make the call!



Great lightweight division action, like this Wrestle War '92 match between Flyin' Brian and Z-Man, is the best thing about WCW, according to Paul Jacobi.

GREAT LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

WCW is the best wrestling in the world, and the best thing about WCW is the light heavyweight division. With men like Flyin' Brian, Jushin Liger, Scotty Flamingo, and so many others, the action is incredible!

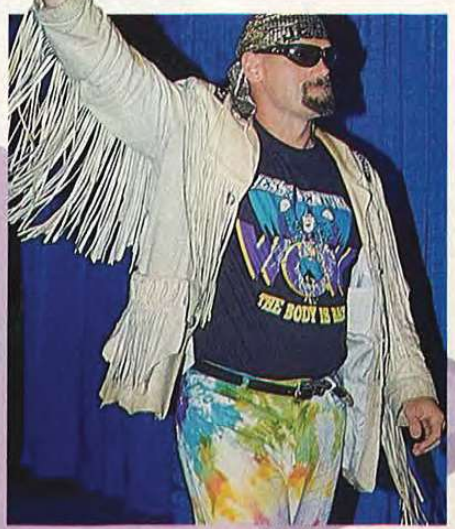
◆PAUL JACOBI *Parlin, New Jersey*

TELLING IT LIKE IT ISN'T?

So this arrogant, self-promoting loudmouth, Jesse Ventura, has invaded WCW to pollute the airwaves with his one-sided rhetoric.

An announcer is supposed to be impartial, not spew his biased opinions, like Ventura is doing. That's why I hate these washed-up has-been wrestlers invading the broadcast booth. Most of them favor rulebreakers, as Ventura has already proven. He says he tells it like it is? Bull! Ventura better start doing just that, or get lost!

◆RITA M. BUDA *Chicago, Illinois*



Jesse Ventura's commentary amounts to one-sided biased rhetoric from a washed-up has-been, according to reader Rita M. Buda.

GREASY JACK IN GREECE?

I am writing to congratulate you for your wonderful magazine. I've been a fan of WCW since 1990, although I've never seen a WCW match on TV, because here in Greece we do not have channels that can show this kind of sport. My favorite WCW wrestler is Cactus Jack. I hope he will one day come here for matches!

◆DEMIE CHRIS *Athens, Greece*

The courage that has been displayed by Nikita Koloff throughout his career is saluted by Dora Nix.

THE COURAGE OF KOLOFF

As a lifelong WCW fan, I am thrilled at the return of Nikita Koloff. He took a bad rap last year for his actions at SuperBrawl '91, but I wonder if his detractors could ever have forsaken family and country to be true to themselves the way Nikita did back in 1986. The decision he made then is the mark of genuine courage.

Nikita is the strong, silent type: He doesn't bore the fans to death with boasts he can't back up. He's proven his dominance in the ring, and he does it without the help of a loudmouthed manager or a band of thugs to run interference. I would love to see him regain the U.S. title that, in my opinion, he never lost, and then make another run for the World title.

◆DORA NIX *Easley, South Carolina*

PARTING LETTER

I think that *WCW Magazine* is the most informative way to find out what is happening in WCW. My favorite segment in the magazine is the "Parting Shot." I like it because it catches wrestlers while they are either doing something against the rules or simply doing something interesting while they are not in the ring.

Keep up the great work—and keep getting those terrific "Parting Shots."

◆PAUL BLOCKER *Jefferson, Louisiana*

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FRONT ROW RINGSIDE

DOWN WITH DDP

Good gawd! Oooh, baby, I'm standing so tall and looking so good, I oughta be out there in Hollywood! You know me, DDP, now let's just see . . .

What is it that you feeble-minded illiterates (setting you apart from all the functional illiterates out there, of course) need to know? What should be your biggest concern?

Let me tell you: Harley Race. The seven-time former World champion is building a managerial dynasty in WCW.

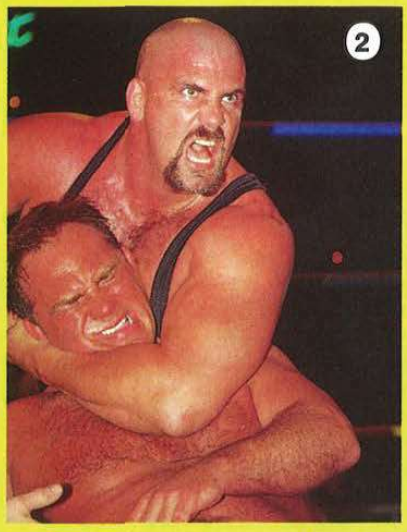
Slowly and methodically, Race is getting the job done. First came Big Van Vader, and even Sting found out that trying to deal with this 445-pound behemoth is like shooting spitballs at a battleship. Hey—I saw the match in Atlanta's Omni where Sting suffered broken ribs. Vader squashed him flatter than Marcus Alexander Bagwell's girlfriend!

And as if Vader isn't enough, now Race has brought along Super Invader, who looks just as promising and punishing.

Seven-time champion Race, a master of the ring, may be in a different role now, but he's still the man to watch in this sport.

After *me,* of course.

HAVE YOU HEARD?



10 hot topics that are keeping WCW fans talking this month:

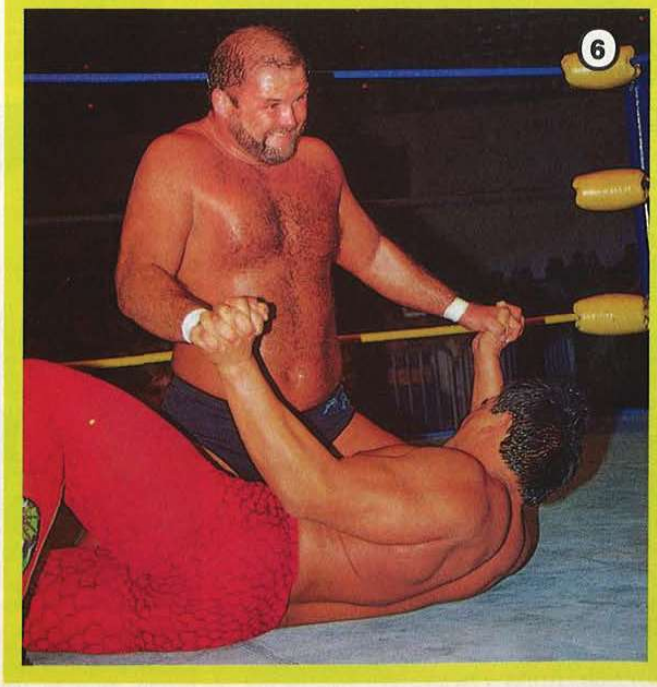
1 ***THE SEXIEST MAN IN WCW*** "Ravishing" Rick Rude? *We* didn't vote for him!

2 ***NIKITA KOLOFF*** Turning down an invitation to join The Dangerous Alliance should prove to everyone—particularly Sting—how sincere he is.

3 ***SUPER INVADER*** He's big, he's mean, he's destructive. But what's he hiding behind the mask?

4 ***STING*** He's bounced back from the rib injury, turned back Big Van Vader, and held off Cactus Jack. The champ is on a roll! *Oooooowwwww!*

5 ***BILL WATTS*** "Cowboy" Bill is walking tall in the sport again, and WCW's got him!



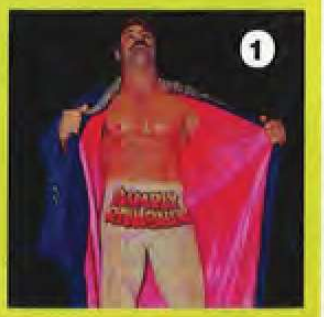
6 ***ARN ANDERSON GOES SOLO*** He says it's time for him to make a move for himself rather than for a team. Four World tag titles in five years is so bad?

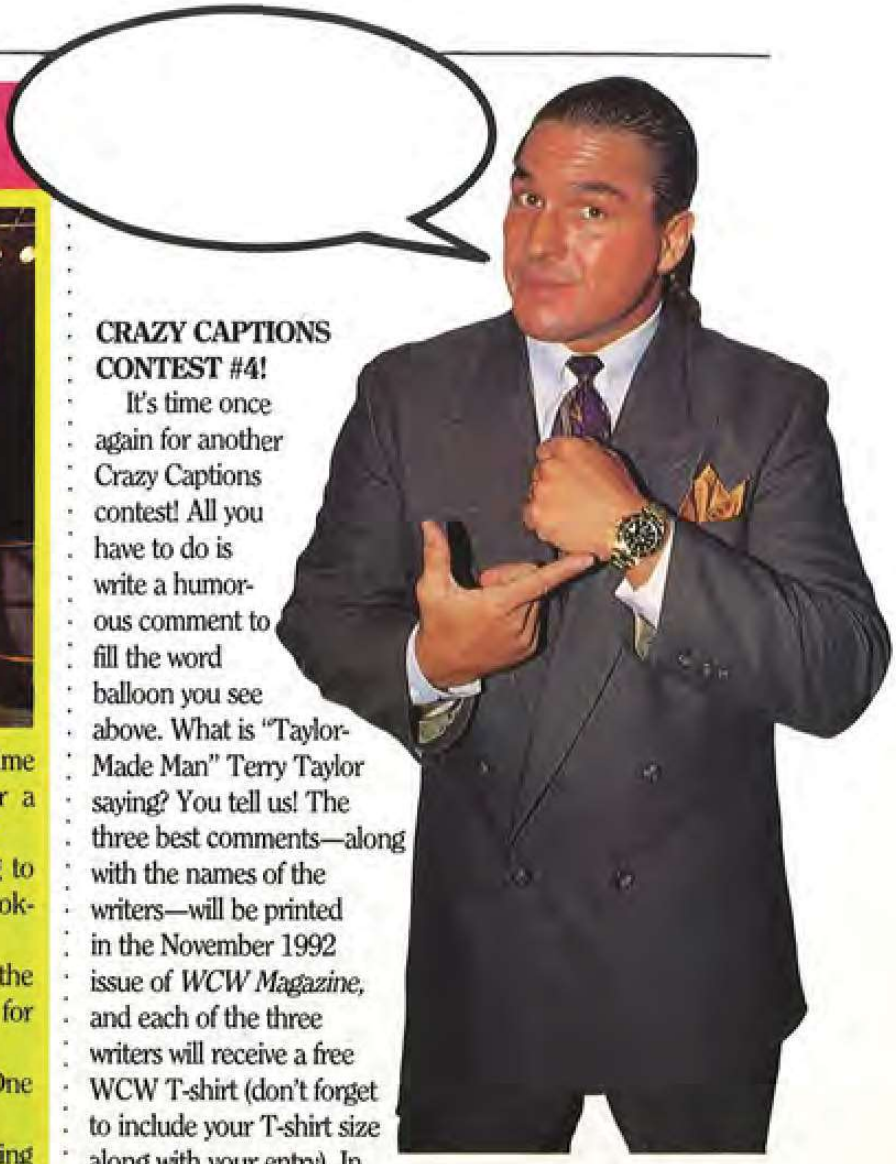
7 ***MADUSA*** She ought to be inside the ring looking to defeat another woman wrestler, not outside the ring looking to interfere in men's matches.

8 ***RON SIMMONS*** Quietly, and with no fanfare, the "All-American" is maneuvering himself into position for another drive to the top.

9 ***THE STEINERS VS. GORDY & WILLIAMS*** One word: Wow!

10 ***OLE ANDERSON RETURNS*** As a troubleshooting referee, this rugged veteran isn't likely to let anybody get away with anything.





CRAZY CAPTIONS CONTEST #4!

It's time once again for another Crazy Captions contest! All you have to do is write a humorous comment to fill the word balloon you see above. What is "Taylor-Made Man" Terry Taylor saying? You tell us! The three best comments—along with the names of the writers—will be printed in the November 1992 issue of *WCW Magazine,* and each of the three writers will receive a free WCW T-shirt (don't forget to include your T-shirt size along with your entry). In the event of same or similar responses, the first response picked at random is the winner.

Address your responses to: "Crazy Captions #4" c/o *WCW Magazine,* Box 48, Rockville Centre, NY 11571.

And now, here are the winning captions for contest #2, in which you were asked to provide dialogue for the Larry Zbyszko photo below:

"Help, Paul E.—I've fallen, and I can't get up!"—Eric Granke, Bridgman, Michigan

"It's *Zbyszko,* not *Nabisco* !"—Tony Moore, Flint, Michigan

"Missed it by *that* much!"—William Huffman, Albany, Georgia

Next issue: Crazy Captions contest #5—and results from contest #3!

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FRONT ROW RINGSIDE

SUPERSTAR STATPAK

MARCUS ALEXANDER BAGWELL

Height: 6'1"
Weight: 230
Hometown: Marietta, Georgia
Birthdate: January 10
Years Pro: currently in rookie year in WCW
Favorite Maneuvers: cradle suplex, flying armdrag
Favorite Movies: *Top Gun, Raiders Of The Lost Ark, Indiana Jones And The Temple Of Doom, Indiana Jones And The Last Crusade*
Favorite TV Show: *Beverly Hills 90210*
Favorite Comedians: Jerry Seinfeld, Dennis Miller
Favorite Sports Teams: Atlanta Braves, L.A. Raiders
Favorite Musicians: Depeche Mode, Garth Brooks
Hobbies: snow skiing, bodybuilding, driving his jeep

"Everyone in WCW has the dream of being World heavyweight champion, and of course I'm hoping that title is in my future, too. Right now, though, I am learning a lot from the Z-Man that will help me both in singles and in tag team matches. Two of my more immediate goals are a tag title and the World light heavyweight title, and I am always working toward at least one of those goals!"

AND THE FIRST LADY OF WCW IS . . .

Missy Hyatt!

That opinion may not be held by Madusa or the rest of The Dangerous Alliance, but it was held by an incredible 92 percent of the readers responding to our "Duel In The Sun Vote" held in the July 1992 edition of *WCW Magazine.*

"This has to be the most lopsided contest in the history of contests," wrote Alfredo Torres of New York. "Missy is not only the most gorgeous woman ever to be associated with wrestling, but she is the most gorgeous woman anywhere. On the other hand, Madusa is rude, obnoxious, and ugly!"

"I cast my vote for Madusa as not only the sexiest, but the most intelligent and talented woman in WCW," wrote Glenn MacNeil, speaking for the minority. "She's not just a valet or cheerleader, but a world champion woman wrestler."

Madusa: The First Lady of WCW . . . NOT!

"I would expect Missy to win a popularity contest, but she couldn't lick my spiked heels in any sort of athletic competition," Madusa sneered. "A few select intelligent fans recognize my excellence. As for the rest of them . . . well, I view the hatred those morons profess for me as a compliment."

Having won the designation of First Lady of WCW from the readers of *WCW Magazine,* Missy stars in this issue's centerfold poster along with the winner of our "Sexiest Wrestler in WCW" poll, "Ravishing" Rick Rude.

MISSY'S VIEW

By Missy Hyatt

You guys are just great! I can't thank you enough for naming me First Lady of WCW! What a victory—92 percent of the votes went to me! Take *that,* **Madusa**! . . . And y'all are filling up my mailbox with all kinds of great letters, too . . . This one's my favorite this month, 'cause it came in a pink envelope. It's from Scott Benton of Liberty, Nebraska: *I just wanted to let you know that you are The First Lady of Wrestling. You are by far the most beautiful lady in wrestling. I enjoy reading your article in* ***WCW Magazine*** *and watching you on TV* . . . Gee, thanks, Scott! . . . Michael Cunningham of Westfield, New Jersey, writes to ask me what my favorite flower is . . . Gee, Michael, that's a *hard* one. I guess I'd have to go with roses, though. Especially when they come in bunches of 12! . . . Is there anything better in tag team wrestling than watching **Rick** and **Scott Steiner**? . . . There's just something about cruising Beverly Hills in a convertible on a sunny Tuesday afternoon . . . **Ron Simmons** seems like he's priming himself for a big drive for another championship . . . Lobster tails are great, but don't you find that eating the whole lobster is just too much work for too little reward? I do . . . Why doesn't **"Diamond" Dallas Page** stick to wrestling and leave investigative reporting to real journalists? . . . Like me! . . . **Johnny Carson** leaving was a big deal and all, but now that **Jay Leno** has had time to settle in, I really don't miss Johnny all that much . . . I do find myself missing **Ed McMahon** from time to time, though . . . **Brad Armstrong** is a fine light heavyweight who hasn't really been given the chances to prove himself . . . I don't know about you, but I find that if I arrange my money in my wallet in descending order (you know, all my hundreds together, then the 50s, the 20s, the 10s) instead of just bunching it all in there willy-nilly, it's easier once I get into the store . . . **Paul E. Dangerously's** group is in trouble, and **Larry Zbyszko's** story elsewhere in this issue just adds more fuel to the fire. My guess is that **Beautiful Bobby** will be the next to go . . . Bottled water *always* tastes better than tap . . . No, there's no truth to the rumor that **Harley Race** changed his hair color because of yours truly . . . What does the "H" in **H. Ross Perot** stand for? . . . See y'all next month!

Brad Armstrong in action

Editor's note: If you would like to write to Missy, send your letters and questions to: "Missy's View" c/o ***WCW Magazine****, Box 48, Rockville Centre, NY 11571.*

SINCE YOU ASKED...

"My question is for Scotty Flamingo: Since you're the cutest person in the world, and the best wrestler of all-time, would you rather tag with Flyin' Brian or Sting?"

Nick Vayansky
Canonsburg, Pennsylvania

"Let me tell you something, there, Nicky Vayansky," Scotty replied. "I'm guessing you're either the the smartest fan I've encountered in WCW so far or the biggest wiseguy. But, yes, I am the cutest person in the world. Yes, I am the best wrestler of all-time. But would I rather tag with Flyin' Brian or Sting? Nicky boy, I'd rather gargle with suntan lotion."

*If you have a question for a WCW star—***any** *WCW star—send it to: "Since You Asked" c/o* ***WCW Magazine****, Box 48, Rockville Centre, NY 11571.*

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WHO AM I?

*(How many clues do **you** need to make the correct guess? Test your friends! Answer on page 16.)*

1: I was born in Tokyo, and learned martial arts from Chan Lee, one of the greatest martial arts masters of all-time.

2: I made my professional debut on October 5, 1984, by defeating Masa Chono.

3: I teamed with Terry Funk in the Thunderdome cage match at Halloween Havoc '89.

4: I was one of the four competitors in the Iron Man competition at Starrcade '89.

5: I am a former World television champion.

BODY ENGLISH

By Jesse "The Body" Ventura

I've had it.

Tony Schiavone, my broadcast partner on *WCW Worldwide*, won't acknowledge it. The ubiquitous Jim Ross, who hasn't got the guts to speak out against the establishment, won't acknowledge it. Eric Bischoff and Missy Hyatt—well, don't even get me started.

I'm talking about wrestlers getting away with the most blatant rules violations in the sport.

Just take a look at a guy like Johnny B. Badd. Yes, he's a fine young talent, and his sunset flip from the top rope is one of the best finishing moves in the sport today. But what's his other meat and potatoes move? The stinging left hook. Great in boxing, but this ain't boxing, folks, it's wrestling, and a closed fist is illegal. It's that simple.

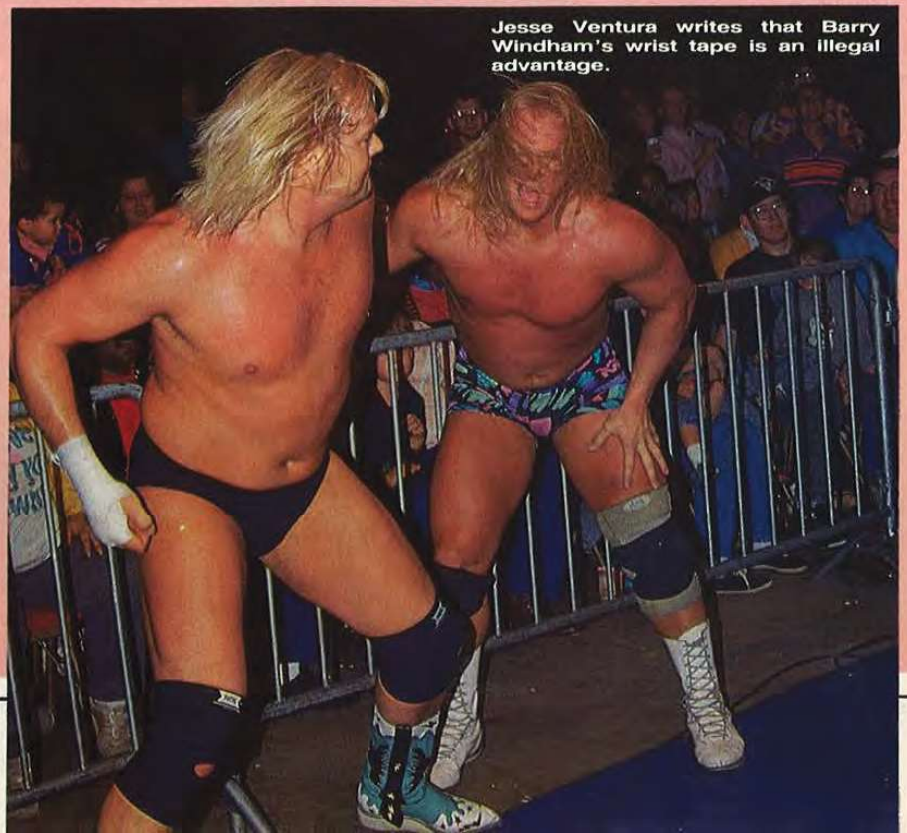
Or look at Barry Windham. As I write this, it's nine months after his wrist injury, and he keeps coming to the ring with his hand and wrist taped up. *Nine months!* And my guess is that when this magazine hits the stands, he'll *still* have it taped! Someone ought to tell Barry that every match ain't a taped-fist match. It's an unfair advantage.

Of course, Windham and Badd and the rest of them make careers out of kowtowing to the three-piece suits that run WCW, so they get away with whatever they want, whenever they want to.

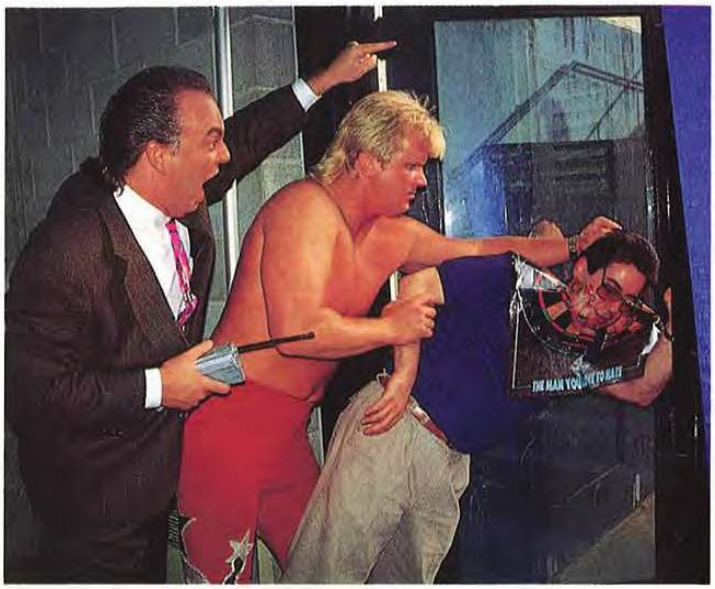
For now. Because three things are certain in this life: death, taxes, and the fact that what goes around comes around. Think about it.

See you in 30, folks.

Jesse Ventura made his professional debut in 1975. Following his retirement from the ring in 1984, he quickly became one of the sport's most acclaimed and respected broadcasters. The mayor of his hometown of Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, Ventura currently serves as color commentator on* WCW Worldwide *as well as WCW's Clash and pay-per-view broadcasts.



Jesse Ventura writes that Barry Windham's wrist tape is an illegal advantage.



JOURNALISM 101: ACCEPTING CRITICISM

So you think the life of a wrestling journalist is all provocative interviews, frequent airline travel, and glamorous ringside photography?

Think again.

WCW Magazine Senior Editorial Consultant Dennis Brent, camera in hand, was in The Dangerous Alliance's dressing room when Paul E. Dangerously saw last month's two-sided poster of himself for the first time. Initially, Dangerously was quite pleased; he was looking at the side that showed a photo of him interfering in a Sting vs. Rick Rude bout.

But then Dangerously looked at the other side of the poster and saw his face on a dartboard! As Brent snapped photos, a shouting match ensued, and the manager called for "Beautiful" Bobby Eaton to clear Brent out of the dressing room. Photographer Linda Roufa, attracted to the scene by the commotion, caught the shot you see here of Dangerously and Eaton manhandling Brent.

"I wanted to capture Paul's face when he saw the poster for the first time," Brent reported, "but I never thought he'd react like that! And he didn't have to have Bobby give me the bum's rush like that!"

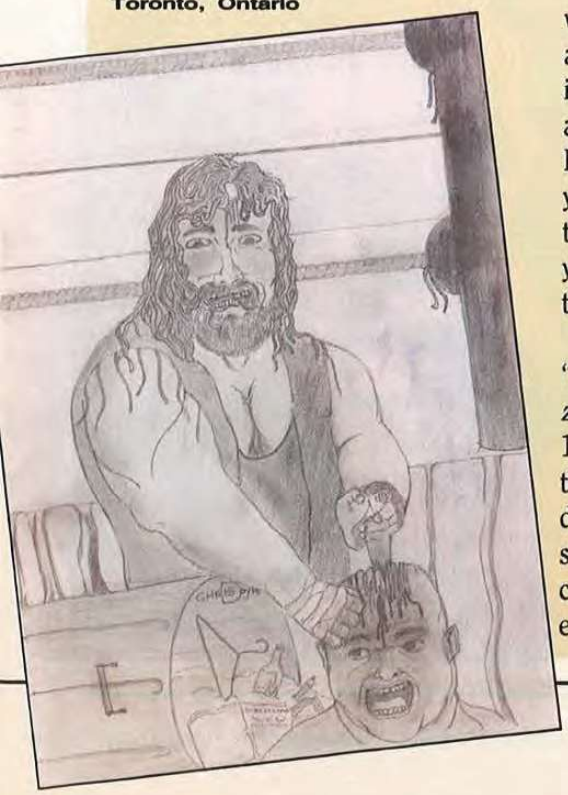
"The bum's rush is too good for a skunk like Brent," Dangerously responded. "That poster was an outrage! He's lucky that getting him out of our face was *all* we did to him."

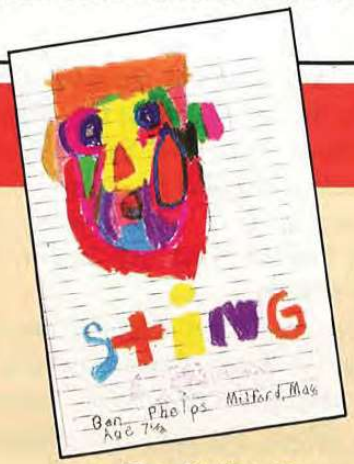
FAN FUN CORNER

Each issue, "Front Row Ringside" will feature a selection of fan artwork and photographs involving WCW and its superstars. Do you have any unusual photos you'd like to contribute? How about pieces of artwork that you've done? If so, we'd like to feature them. Send them to us (please include your age), and maybe we'll publish them in a future issue!

Send your photos and artwork to: "Fan Fun Corner" c/o *WCW Magazine,* Box 48, Rockville Centre, NY 11571. All materials submitted become the property of *WCW Magazine* and, due to the large volume of submissions, cannot be returned unless accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Chris Doyle
Toronto, Ontario





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FRONT ROW RINGSIDE

KANSAS CITY HONORS WCW

Prior to a WCW card in May at Kansas City's Municipal Auditorium, Ricky Steamboat was presented with a key to the city by Kansas City (Missouri) Mayor Pro Tem Sally Johnson. Steamboat accepted the award on behalf of a group of WCW wrestlers who spent time speaking with kids in the city's schools.

The presentation capped a three-day invasion of Kansas City area schools by such wrestlers as Steamboat, Junkyard Dog, Z-Man, Big Josh, Van Hammer, and Marcus Alexander Bagwell.

"We talk to the kids about staying in school and saying no to drugs," Steamboat said. "Any help we can provide in keeping kids on the right track, we're more than happy to spare the time."

ANSWER TO "WHO AM I?" ON PAGE 14: THE GREAT MUTA

GORDON SOLIE REMEMBERS

There is an awful lot of talk in WCW right now about Harley Race. Not only has his 445-pound charge, Big Van Vader, shaken World champion Sting by cracking several of his ribs, but Race has introduced Super Invader to the sport, a massive newcomer from the Orient who promises to wreak every bit as much havoc as his huge stablemate.

Two decades ago, though, Race himself was wreaking all sorts of havoc. I recall hearing many stories about one match in particular, a September 1972 bout in Amarillo, Texas, between Race and Terry Funk.

At the time, Race was a 13-year veteran, but still eight months away from capturing the first of his seven World titles (which he did by ending the four-year-plus reign of Terry's brother, Dory Funk Jr.). He was climbing the title ranks quickly, impressing promoters with a savvy blend of hard-bitten ring science and out-and-out brawling.

This Amarillo match was a fine example of the latter. Though Funk felt he had the home turf advantage, Race took the battle to the rugged Texan, matching him blow for bloody blow in a bout that the ropes hopelessly tried to contain. They failed, and as I recall, a double-countout was the result. Still, by savaging the World champion's brother, Race was one step closer to his first title—and one step closer to wrestling immortality.

It is this kind of rugged sensibility that Race brings to bear as he guides Vader and Super Invader through the WCW ranks. It is a sensibility not to be viewed lightly.

WCW broadcaster Gordon Solie, the dean of professional wrestling, has been an expert analyst of the sport since 1959.

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The Ross Report

Ross' random rumblings as the **Great American Bash** tour rolls on:

Let's be honest with each other. Do you really believe any *one* athlete can dominate **Big Van Vader**? At 445 pounds, and possessing the agility of a man much smaller, Vader may be the most imposing figure ever to compete in WCW. It's easy to see why he was such a dominating offensive lineman in college and the NFL.

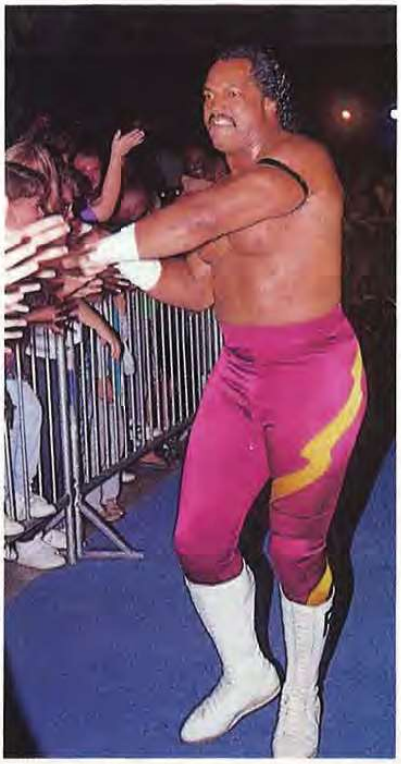
Mike Gann, formerly of Notre Dame and currently a defensive lineman for the Atlanta Falcons, went to high school with WCW tag team great **"Dr. Death" Steve Williams**. Gann was a few years younger than Williams, but vividly remembers everyone running for cover when "Dr. Death" walked down the halls at school.

Former Florida State great **Ron Simmons** seems to be on the verge of finally realizing his unlimited potential. His training has intensified and, more importantly, Ron has become more of a student of the game, spending many hours studying videotapes of future opponents. The Warner Robins, Georgia, native has no visible physical weaknesses, and with a little luck, he could realize his goal of becoming the first black athlete to win the World heavyweight title.

Why does **Paul E. Dangerously** get so much publicity in *WCW Magazine*? Do balding folks from the Northeast stick together, or is someone getting some "financial encouragement" to spread the word about Dangerously?

The WCW light heavyweight division has become one of my personal favorites. With stars like **Brad Armstrong**, **Scotty Flamingo**, and **Flyin' Brian** competing, how can this division ever be dull?

Madusa is the finest female athlete I've ever seen. My question is this: Why aren't WCW promoters attempting to find her some viable opponents? I think a lot of fans would like to see **The Dangerous Alliance's** favorite female in athletic competition.



Jim Ross observes that Ron Simmons is redoubling his efforts and appears to be on the verge of a new and successful chapter in his career.

Speaking of the Alliance, rumor has it that Paul E. is looking to sign even more new members—including a top light heavyweight!

Look for **Rick** and **Scott Steiner's** feud with **Terry Gordy** and **Steve Williams** to become even more intense in the next few weeks! Unfortunately, one or more of these four double-tough athletes will probably sustain a serious injury before this feud is settled.

It's great to see **"Cowboy" Bill Watts** back in the sport. The big Oklahoman is one man WCW wrestlers definitely should not provoke; it could prove to be expensive! Since Watts' arrival, the rules in WCW have meaning again and are being enforced consistently. Better late than never!

Thanks for listening to **"Wrestling With Jim Ross"** on WSB 750 AM in Atlanta every Sunday night at 9 p.m. I really enjoy talking with you fans and hearing what you have to say. **"The Ross Report"** on **The Wrestling Hotline** is another of my favorites, and my report airs exclusively every Saturday with what I *can't* say on TV. Again, thanks for your support (sounds like a **Bartles & Jaymes** commercial, doesn't it?), and we'll talk again next month.

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*Jim Ross is the host of **World Championship Wrestling** and **Power Hour** on TBS, the syndicated **WCW Pro Wrestling** program, and "Wrestling With Jim Ross" on WSB 750 AM in Atlanta.* ◆

ST NEWS

Tony Schiavone Talks

Probably as much as any American, I have been very close to Nikita Koloff since he arrived in this country in 1984.

I was friendly with Koloff when he first developed the name the "Russian Nightmare." Not many people can say that. He was big and intimidating, but I always knew that there was a good person deep inside.

At that time, Koloff's animosity for this country was a product of his uncle, Ivan Koloff. Nikita was the largest and most powerful athlete we had seen in a long time, and he also boasted an unbelievable intensity. He distrusted Americans. He hated Americans. He *destroyed* Americans.

He received his first title shot less than a year later, and everyone knew that, sooner or later, he would be the World heavyweight champion.

In October 1986, all that changed. That was when Magnum T.A. suffered the horrible accident that ended his wrestling career.

Nikita Koloff is showing his true personality—and his absolute trustworthiness to Sting and the fans—by battling scourges like Big Van Vader. The U.S. title will soon be his, writes Tony Schiavone.

In the months prior to that accident, Magnum and Koloff were involved in the hottest series of matches in the history of the U.S. title: the famed "best of seven" during the 1986 Great American Bash.

When T.A. went down, Koloff went into shock. Koloff called Dusty Rhodes, he called the offices of the NWA, and he called me. We had been friends for some time, against the advice of almost everyone I knew.

Koloff's actions in the weeks and months after T.A.'s accident proved to me that while Koloff was tough on the outside, he was really a good person underneath it all. His hatred toward Americans was pushed on him by his uncle, but it wasn't really *his* feeling. And the longer Koloff lived in the United States, the more I saw what kind of person he really was.

Then, in February '91, Koloff came back and attacked Lex Luger during Wrestle War '91. I, for one, knew his motive. He hated Luger; we all did. He knew what Luger was all about, and he knew deep down that Luger stood against everything Koloff believed in. The animosity spilled over onto Sting during SuperBrawl I, and the following two months begat one of the bloodiest feuds ever in WCW.

Then, at the height of the feud, Koloff disappeared. He left the sport. His love for brutal competition kept him going against Sting, but his heart wasn't in it.

When Koloff defended Sting at the World champion's SuperBrawl II victory party, I again knew his motive. I knew he was out to erase all the bad feelings of the past. The cold war was over, and Koloff could finally let us see the true person within, the same person that surfaced back in 1986, the same person that left the sport in 1991.

The man we are seeing now is the real Nikita Koloff. I know. I have been a close friend of his for eight years. And I must say, this Nikita is the best—and the most dangerous—ever. He *will* be the U.S. champion again—bank on it.

The good person is there for all of us to see—but the "Russian Nightmare" is the man with whom his opponents must contend.

Tony Schiavone is the host of ***Main Event*** *on TBS, the syndicated programs* ***WCW Main Event*** *and* ***WCW Worldwide,*** *and* ***WCW Pro Wrestling Chicago.*** ◆

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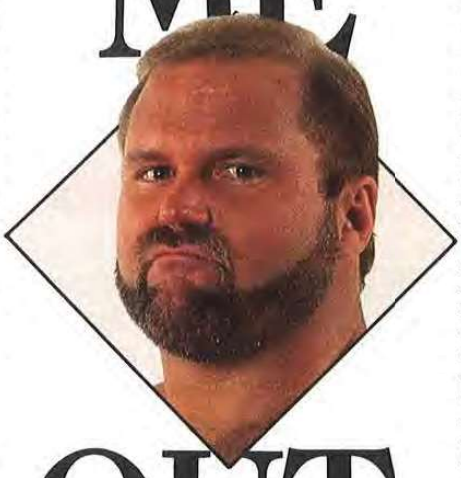


By Arn Anderson

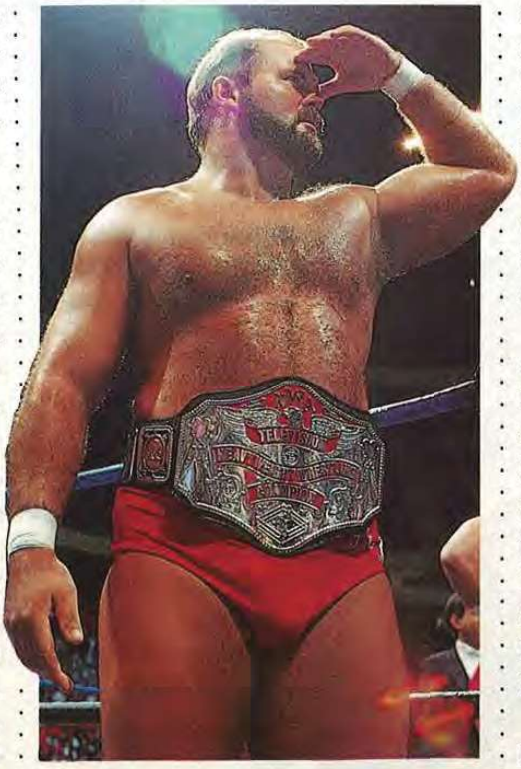
Let me tell you something right off the bat: There are a lot of people talking a lot of trash about The Dangerous Alliance, not the least of them being Larry Zbyszko.

Attorneys for the Alliance managed to secure for me an advance copy of Zbyszko's tirade that is printed elsewhere in this issue. I can say without hesitation that every word in that story is a lie. The fact of the matter is quite simple: Zbyszko couldn't pull his weight, so he was let go.

Anybody with one good eye and half a brain could see as plain as day that it was Zbyszko's stupidity and miscalculation that cost the Alliance the War Games match at Wrestle War '92. But War Games was only one chapter in the story of "The Cruncher's" demise. There were plenty of matches on plenty of occasions during which Zbyszko's errors made for tallies in the Alliance's loss column. Paul was getting fed up with what was happening, so he correctly decided to take action.

But did he fire Zbyszko outright? Absolutely not. In fact, he gave Larry the kind of chance that most managers wouldn't even consider. He signed a match between Zbyszko and "Stunning" Steve Austin. And I can tell you something for an absolute fact: Had Larry shown any kind of backbone in that match, he would still be an Alliance member in good standing today.

But Zbyszko took something that was strictly business and personalized it. He slapped Paul, then turned in a typically shabby effort against Steve. During the match, Paul screamed repeatedly into the ring: "You're fired! You're fired!" Frankly, I was relieved; it was a move he should have made months before that. The Alliance is a better, stronger, and far more effective organization without Zbyszko than it was with him.



Arn Anderson may be known as the consummate tag team wrestler, but he has held the World television title on three occasions (above). "The Enforcer" would like to muscle his way from tag team matches (opposite page) to singles competition and capture the gold once again.

You know, I have been a member of two exclusive organizations in my career, and the success of those organizations has been, is, and always will be based on one specific element: complete cooperation among all members in following the group's overall game plan. Zbyszko couldn't follow the game plan, it was hurting the group, so he was canned.

Like I said, plain and simple.

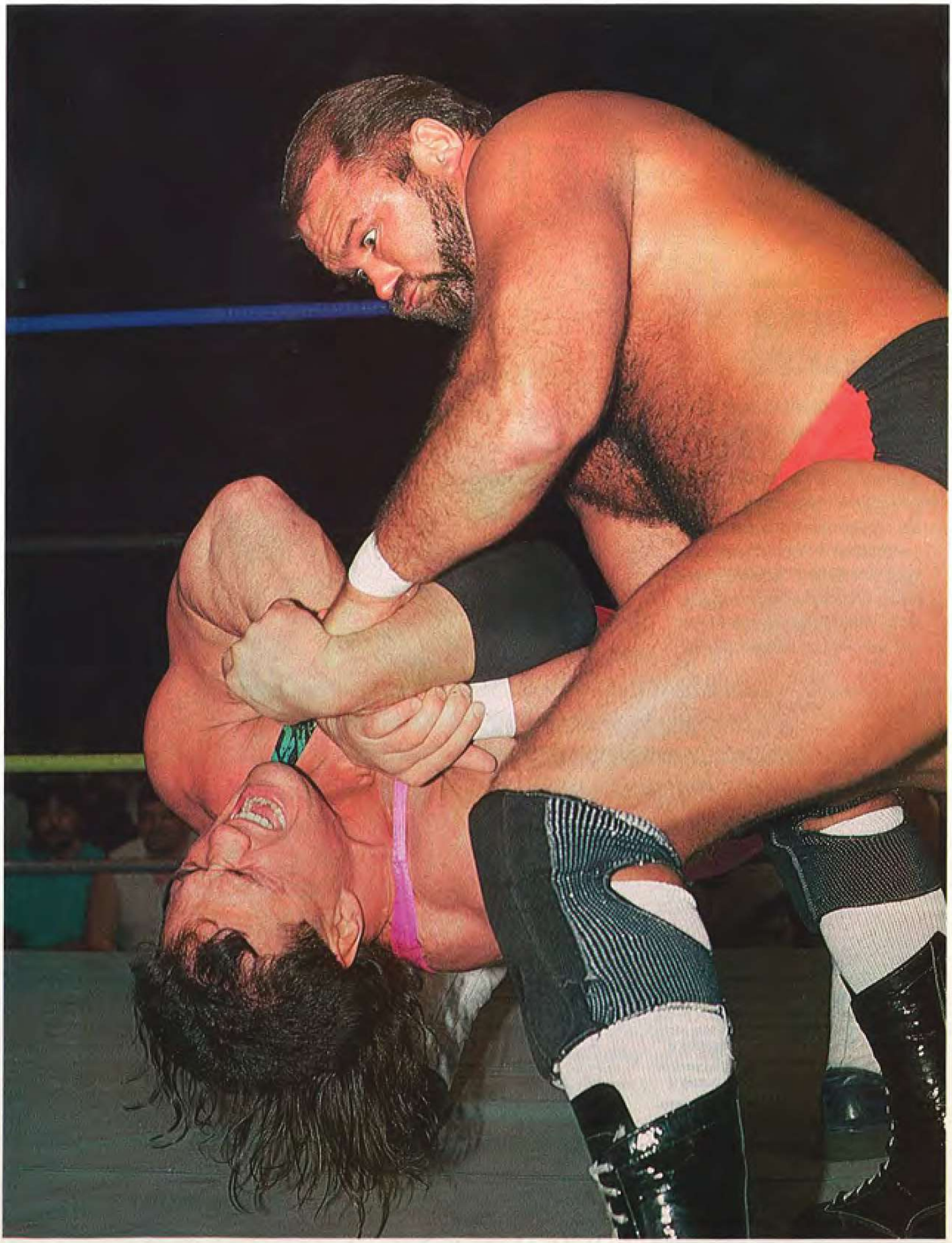
Now, speaking of my membership in the Alliance, it occurs to me that this is the proper place to discuss the fact that 1992 is the time when "The Enforcer" is going to take matters into his own hands.

As I said, I've been a member of two exclusive organizations. I have always placed my personal career goals aside for the good of the group in general, or for the good of the particular tag team of which I was a member. If you don't believe me, just scan the list of World tag team champions over the past five years: the name Arn Anderson comes up four times, more than any other wrestler. That's no accident.

After extensive discussions with Paul and my fellow Alliance members, I have made the decision to enter the field of singles competition again. I held the World television title for virtually all of 1990, and held it a second time for more than four months in 1991. I know what it takes to succeed as a solo wrestler in WCW. I also know that Sting, fine wrestler that he is, is particularly vulnerable right now.

I'm proud to be a member of The Dangerous Alliance, and I will continue in that position. But I am putting all of WCW on notice: The time has come for me to claim a piece of gold for myself.

And "Double-A" never makes vows that he doesn't intend to fulfill. ◆



Championship Challenge

MATCH VARIETY

WCW's action-packed cards usually include more than conventional one-on-one wrestling matches. At any given event there are tag team matches, cage matches, no-disqualification matches, War Games matches—the wrestling calendar is filled with all sorts of unique match formats! In this issue's word-search puzzle, we've hidden the names of 10 types of matches, forward and backward as well as vertically, horizontally, and diagonally. Can you find them all? (Puzzle solution on page 50.)

HIDDEN WORDS:

BUNKHOUSE MATCH
CAGE MATCH
CHAIN MATCH
HANDICAP MATCH
IRONMAN CHALLENGE
SIX-MAN MATCH
STRAP MATCH
TAG TEAM MATCH
WAR GAMES MATCH
WORLD TITLE MATCH

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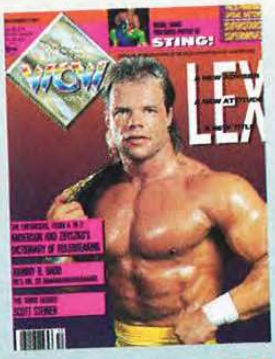
ANSWER TO CHAMPIONSHIP CHALLENGE ON PAGE 50:

1. I get so sick to my stomach when I see these fat, out-of-shape, no-condition couch potato fans at ringside reaching out to touch me. I have no reason to bother with them, except to give them the honor of being in the presence of a real man.

2. I'm proud to be helping WCW in the community. We get out there, talk to kids, and tell them that the most important things in life are to stay off drugs, keep out of trouble, get an education, and do the right thing.

3. I'm so pretty, that's true, but I'm also a baaaaaaad man! If my sunset flip don't get 'em, my stinging left hook will!

4. Bang, bang! So you think Cactus Jack has some unusual moves? Well, you ain't seen nothing yet! I'm working on a move that will be wilder and more damaging than anything I've ever done before! It's so wild, I can't even believe it myself! Bang, bang!



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Included in this issue: "Pulse-Pounding Special Section: Superstars' Supermoves," "The Third Degree" with Scott Steiner, "Lex: A New Adviser, A New Attitude, A New Title," "The Enforcers From A To Z: Anderson And Zbyszko's Dictionary Of Rulebreaking," and a giant two-sided poster of Sting.

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Included in this issue: "Sting: Today The U.S., Tomorrow The World," "Target: Lex Luger! Top Stars Take Aim," "The Freebirds Get Back To Basics," "The Third Degree" with Larry Zbyszko and Arn Anderson, "10 Questions For" Cactus Jack, and a giant two-sided poster of Steve Austin and Lady Blossom.

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This special holiday issue includes: "P.N. News' Rap Before Christmas," "The Third Degree" with Lex Luger, "Cactus Jack: There's A Madness To His Method," "10 Questions For" Flyin' Brian, "Barry Windham: Walking Tall," and a giant two-sided calendar for 1992 featuring wrestlers' birthdays.

MARCH 1992
First-ever year-end awards issue includes: "***WCW Magazine*** Reader Awards For 1991" featuring awards to Lex Luger, Sting, Cactus Jack, Rick & Scott Steiner, and P.N. News, "1991: The Year In Review," "Predictions: 1992," "The Third Degree" with Rick Rude, and a giant two-sided poster of Dustin Rhodes.

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Included in this issue: "Paul E. Dangerously: 'My Dangerous Alliance Will Destroy WCW Brick By Brick,'" "In The Spotlight: Jushin Liger vs. Flyin' Brian," "The Threat To Rude's U.S. Title: Enter 'The Dragon,'" "The Third Degree" with Terrence Taylor, Sting vs. Luger, and a giant two-sided poster of Rick & Scott Steiner.

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Included in this issue: "Making Up For Lost Time: The Steiners Reclaim Their Killer Instinct," "Sting's Own Story: 'The Secrets Of My Success'," "Top Stars Answer Your Most Personal Questions," "Third Degree" interview with Dustin Rhodes, "10 Questions For" Ricky Steamboat, and a giant two-sided poster of Flyin' Brian.

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Included in this issue: Full coverage of Sting's World title victory at SuperBrawl II, "Barry Windham & Dustin Rhodes: 'We're Closer Than Brothers'," "Big Van Vader: Juggernaut Of Destruction," Wrestle War '92 preview of the war between The Dangerous Alliance and Sting's army, and a giant two-sided poster of Ricky "The Dragon" Steamboat.

JULY 1992
Included in this issue: "Sting: 'As Long As I'm Breathing, This Belt's Mine!'", Williams & Gordy Target The Steiners, "Are The Fans Responsible For The Rude-Steamboat War?", "Third Degree" interview with Van Hammer, "Vote For WCW's Sexiest Wrestler," and a giant two-sided poster of "Ravishing" Rick Rude.

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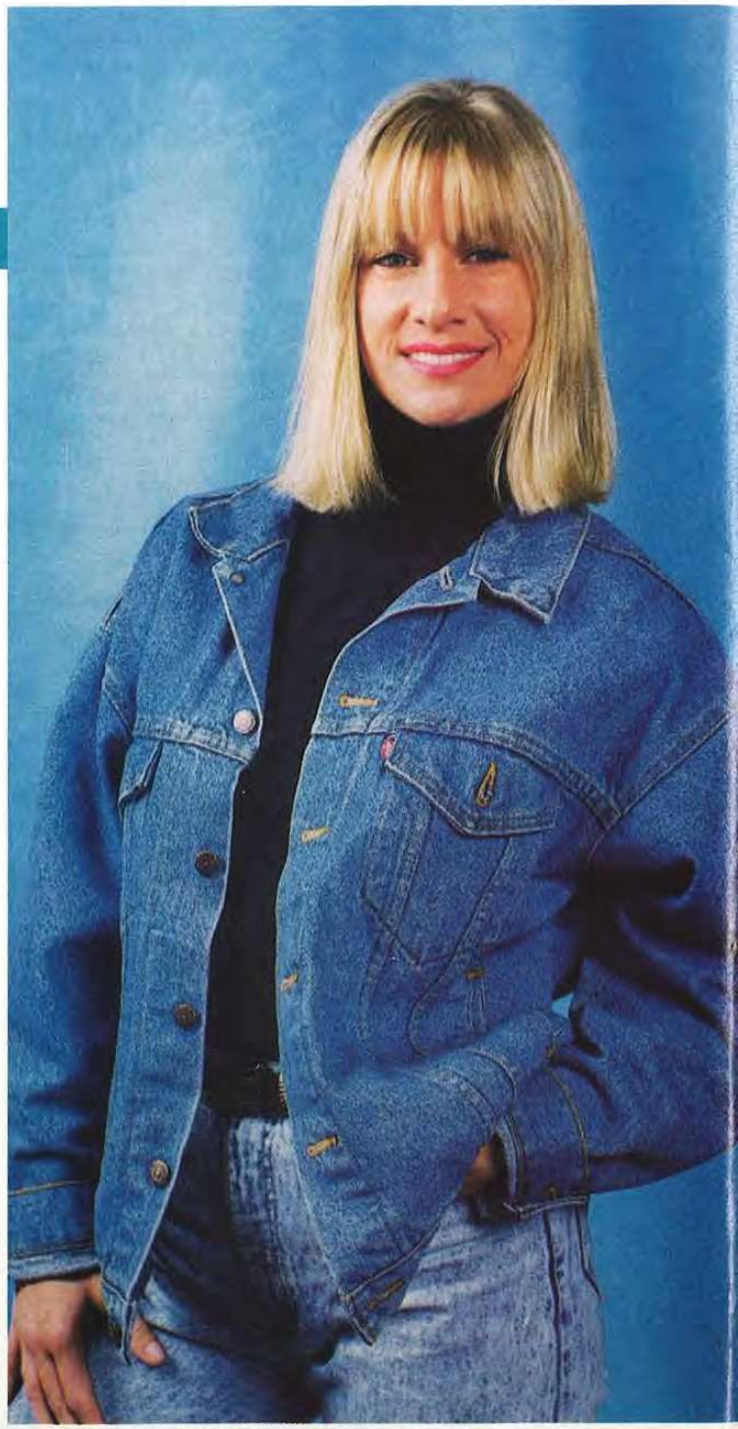


As "Director of Covert Operations" for The Dangerous Alliance, Madusa has drawn the wrath of fans and Alliance foes alike for her timely and effective interference in Alliance members' matches. But her activities at ringside, plus her quarreling with Missy Hyatt over the "First Lady of WCW" designation, belie the fact that she is a consummate athlete. Madusa entered the mat sport in 1985, quickly winning acclaim in the United States for displaying a level of athleticism and wrestling acumen seldom seen in the female ranks. Three years later, Madusa traveled to Japan, where she wrestled for nearly two years and attained a level of respect generally accorded only the finest male competitors. In 1989 and '90, Madusa directed her skills toward the martial arts. Her diligence quickly paid off: In 1990, she captured the Fuji Television kick-boxing award for excellence in that sport in both Japan and Thailand. Last October, shortly before the formation of The Dangerous Alliance, Madusa arrived in WCW to take her current position alongside Paul E. Dangerously. ***WCW Magazine's*** *Craig Peters recently caught up with WCW's most dangerous woman and posed the following "10 Questions."*

1

WCW MAGAZINE: Why do you dislike Missy Hyatt so?

MADUSA: Dislike? That's far too passive a word. Intense hatred is more like it. She stands for everything wrong about women in this sport. She's a no-talent bleached-blonde bimbo whose biggest concerns are nail colors, hair conditioners, and where her next piece of jewelry is coming from. She's as shallow a person as can be. She makes me sick.

2

WCW MAGAZINE: What duties fall under the designation "Director of Covert Operations"?

MADUSA: Whatever duties Paul and I agree are beneficial to both of us and to the other members of the Alliance.

3

WCW MAGAZINE: I've heard reports that before entering wrestling, you studied nursing. Is that true?

MADUSA: Yes it is. In fact, you'd be surprised how frequently that medical training comes in handy in this sport—particularly after something like the bloody War Games bout at Wrestle War.

4

WCW MAGAZINE: Without naming anyone associated with wrestling in particular or athletics in general, who would you name as your personal heroes?

MADUSA: Boy, you really sliced out a lot of territory, there! But it's not as diffi-

"I don't quit until I get what I want."

cult a question as you might think. Meryl Streep, Meg Ryan, and Bette Midler. They're all successful women who had tough starts, aimed high, and achieved huge success in their chosen fields. Whether you like or dislike what they do, you have to admire their tenacity in getting to the top.

5

WCW MAGAZINE: Why don't promoters sign you for more wrestling matches?

MADUSA: Go ask the promoters. I'd be up for them if they could find any decent competition out there. But the fact is, I'm so far above the competition, any match the promoters *could* sign would be a total mismatch.

6

WCW MAGAZINE: What do you like to do in your free time?

MADUSA: Free time? What's that? *(laughs)* Actually, one of my favorite things is scuba diving. I tried it in Australia a couple of years ago, and it really hooked me.

7

WCW MAGAZINE: Is The Dangerous Alliance in danger of being dissolved?

MADUSA: The Dangerous Alliance is a family. And like all families, there are arguments and there are rocky times. But when a family has a problem, they deal with it and move on, they don't disown each other. The Alliance had a problem—Larry Zbyszko—and we dealt with it. Now we move on, stronger and better able to deal with our business than ever before.

Barry Windham is not about to complete his superplex on "Stunning" Steve Austin—not if Madusa has anything to do with it, that is!

8

WCW MAGAZINE: In Greek mythology, Medusa was one of three Gorgon sisters with snakes for hair that were so horribly repulsive, anyone who looked at them turned to stone. Is there any . . .

MADUSA: That's the simplistic derivation of my name. In fact, the Latin word *medusa* and the Greek word *medousa* were terms for *ruler,* as in one who governs, one who stands above all others. I don't think anyone would disagree that I stand above all other women in this sport.

9

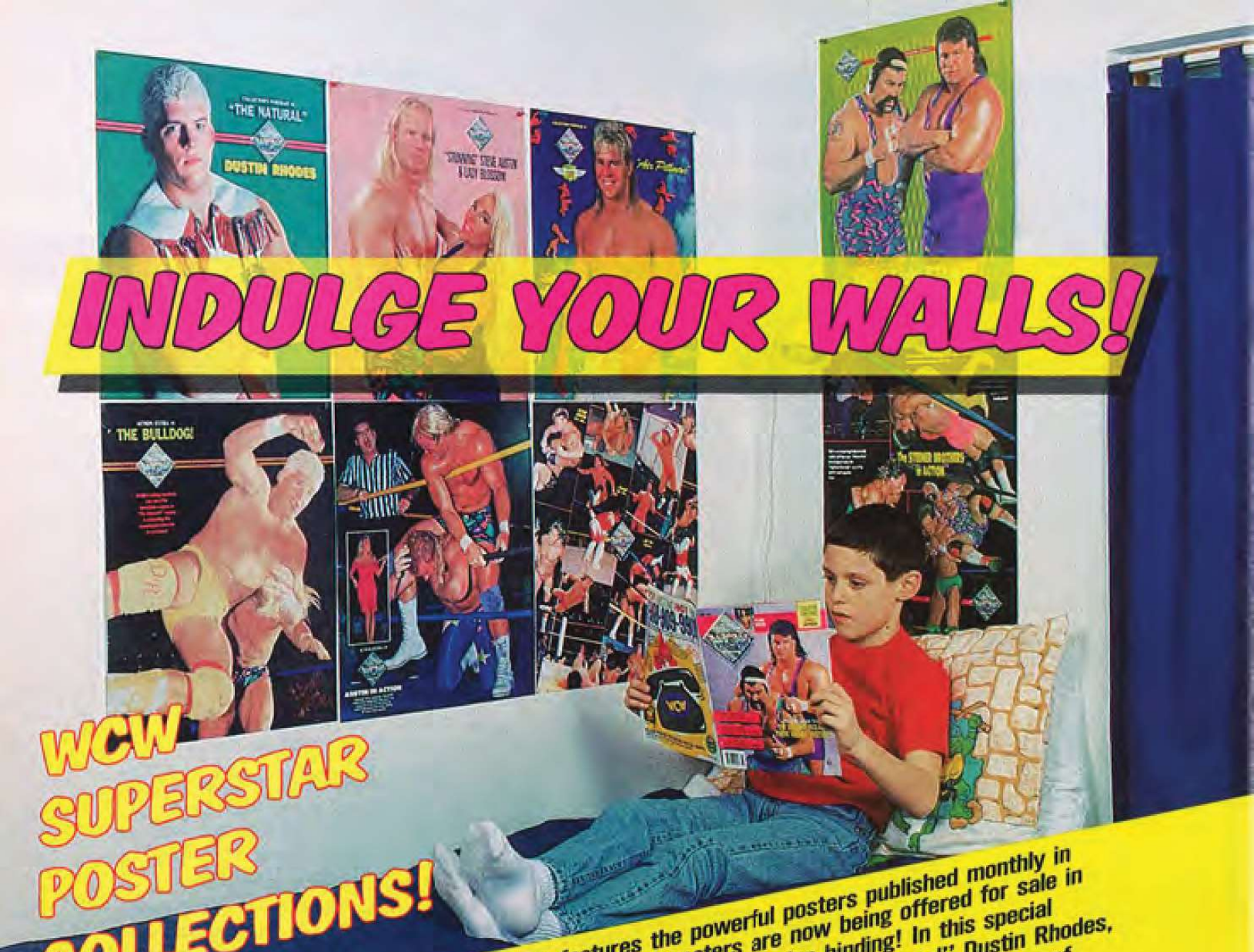
WCW MAGAZINE: Would you ever pose for a cheescake calendar or magazine centerfold?

MADUSA: No. This country's obsession with sex symbols is a joke. I'm an athlete, I take my athletics seriously, and I prefer others take me seriously. Go ask Missy that question; she'd probably drop her drawers in a heartbeat.

10

WCW MAGAZINE: Complete the following sentence: If I weren't in professional wrestling, I would be . . .

MADUSA: . . . anything I decided to put my mind to. Once I decide to do something, I don't quit until I get what I want. ◆



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TAYLOR-MADE MAN'S *ROLLING HEAD SNAP*

"Rolling head snap, somersault neckbreaker, whatever you want to call it, it works. And the reason it works—aside from the fact that I execute the move with such precision and grace—is that I also execute the move with the dual elements of speed and surprise.

"I usually wait until I've stunned my opponent with some other maneuver. He needs to be sitting on the mat, fairly groggy, for the move to be most effective. Then, when he least expects it, I charge him from behind, grab him by the head, and somersault to the mat. The full force of my body weight stretches his spine and causes him to snap backward to the canvas. It's like a stinging jab to the whole upper body, and it works like a charm. Hey—it's a move tailor-made for The Taylor-Made Man!"

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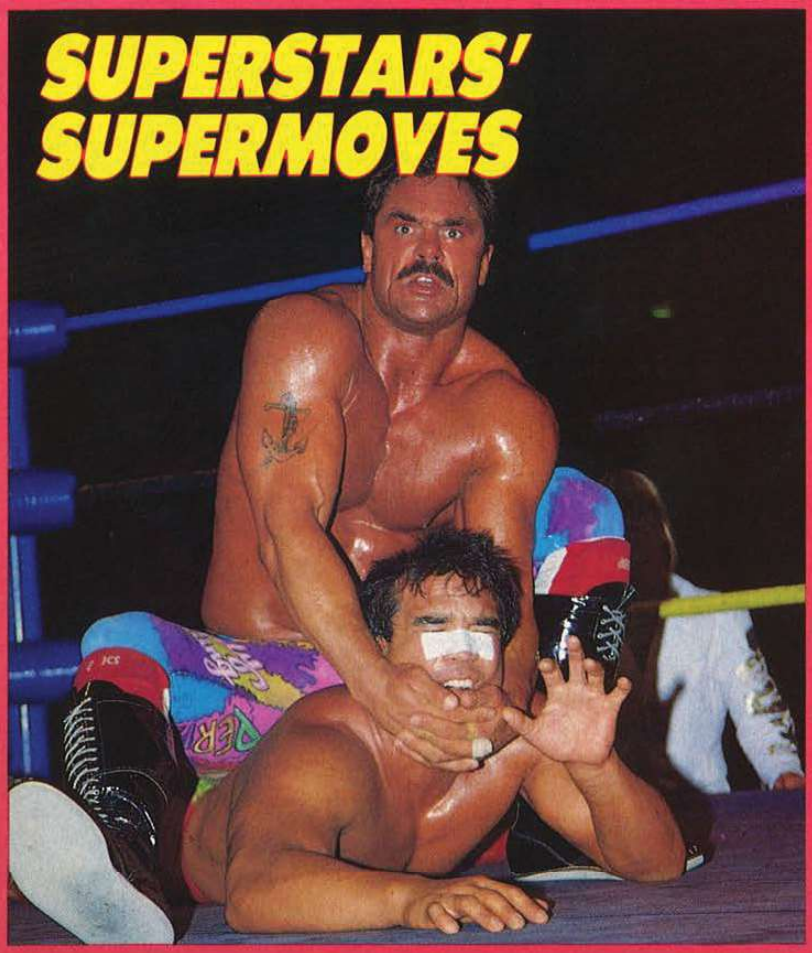
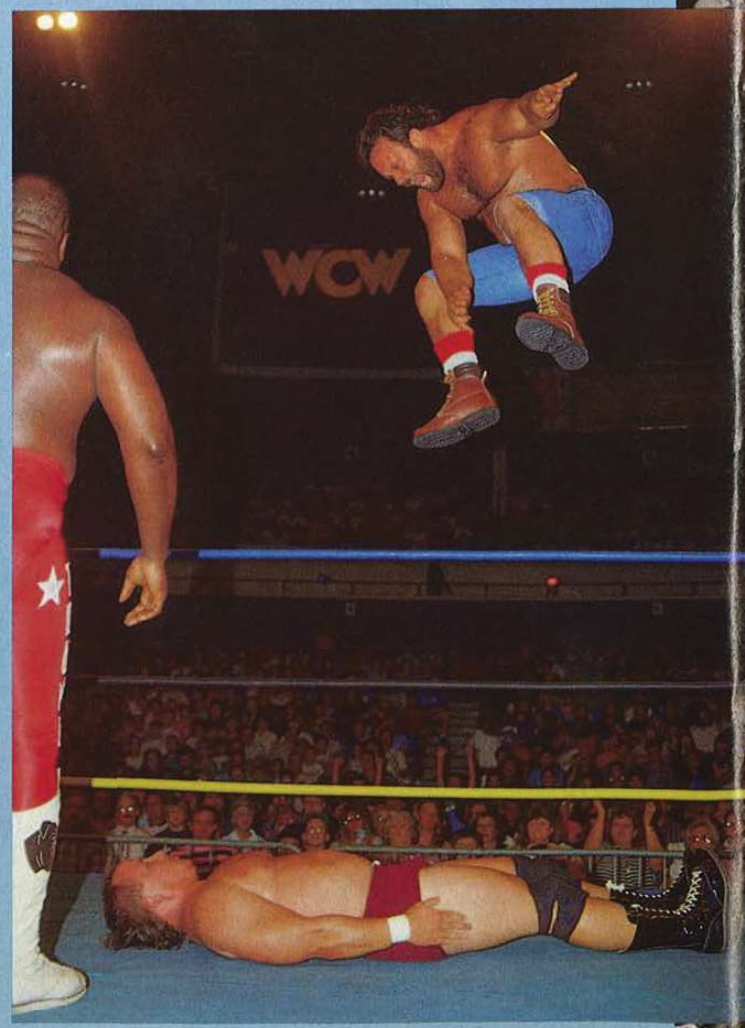


RICK RUDE'S
REAR CHINLOCK

"One of the most important lessons I ever learned in this sport is one I learned early on: Know your basics well and be able to apply them. Sure, the rear chinlock isn't flashy, but it's effective. And when 'Ravishing' Rick does it, it's dangerous as all hell.

"The hold is done by sitting on your opponent's back, locking your fingers under his chin, and pulling back. Simple, right? Well, when you have the kind of strength in your arms that I do, it causes as much pain as any hold in the sport, and maybe more. And I can vary the impact on my foe by where I place my butt on his back. When I'm toward the upper middle of his back, the pain is concentrated in the neck, shoulder blades, and upper spine; if I sit toward the tailbone, his spine will wind up feeling like a corkscrew.

"A great move. Simple, elegant, and effective. Just like me."

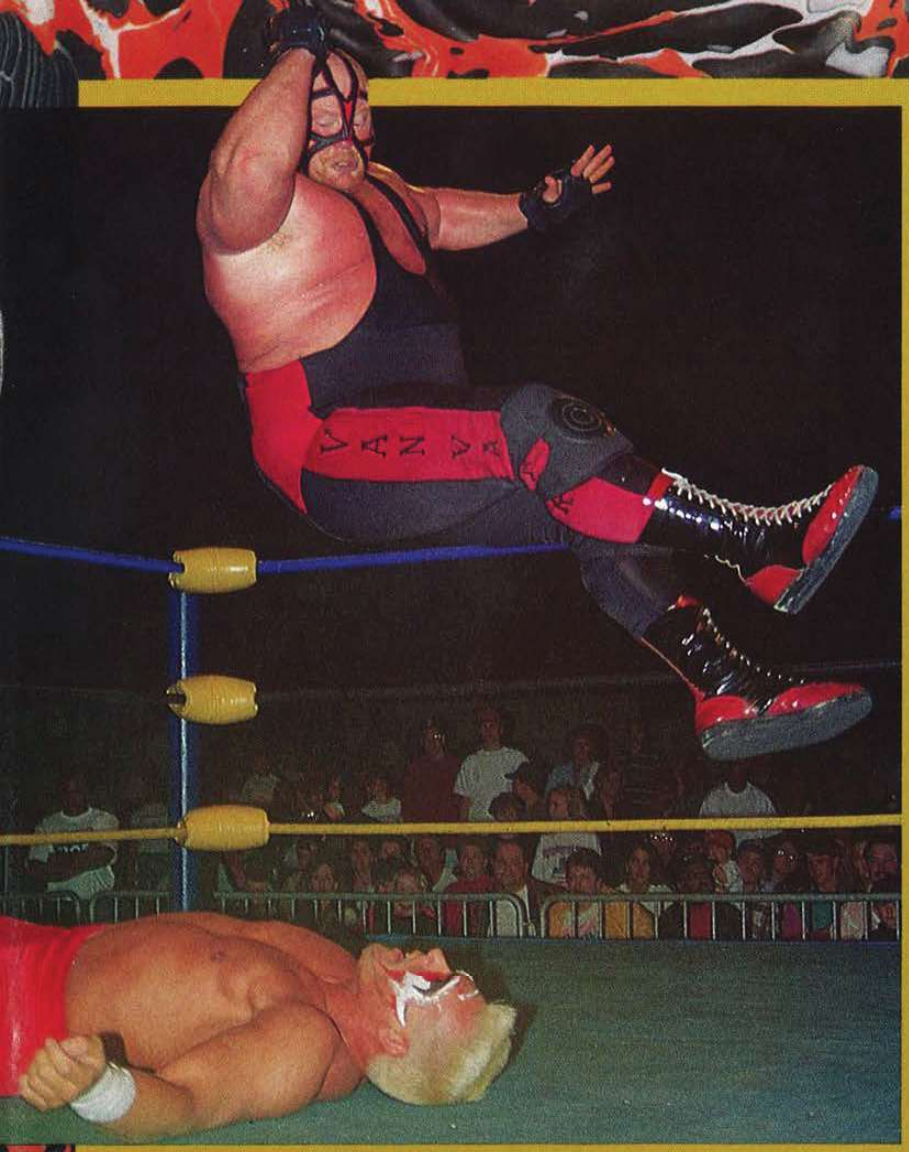


BIG JOSH'S
BOMBS AWAY

"What a feeling! Man, it's just unbelievable! I go screaming off the top turnbuckle, jump high in the air, and come crashing down like a 100-foot redwood in the middle of the forest. *Timmmmmmberrrrrr!* My opponent never knew what hit him.

"The thing about the bombs away, though, is that you'd better be 100 percent sure that your opponent is almost put away before you attempt it. It's ironic in that way, you know. It's a great finisher, but your man has to be almost finished to be able to execute it. Otherwise, one miscalculation and he'll roll out of the way or raise his knees to your midsection, and it's like that redwood fell on *you.*

"Even so, I love the move. So do the fans. In fact, I can't think of anyone who *doesn't* like it—except the guy facing me on the other side of the ring!"



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BIG VAN VADER'S *ELBOWDROP*

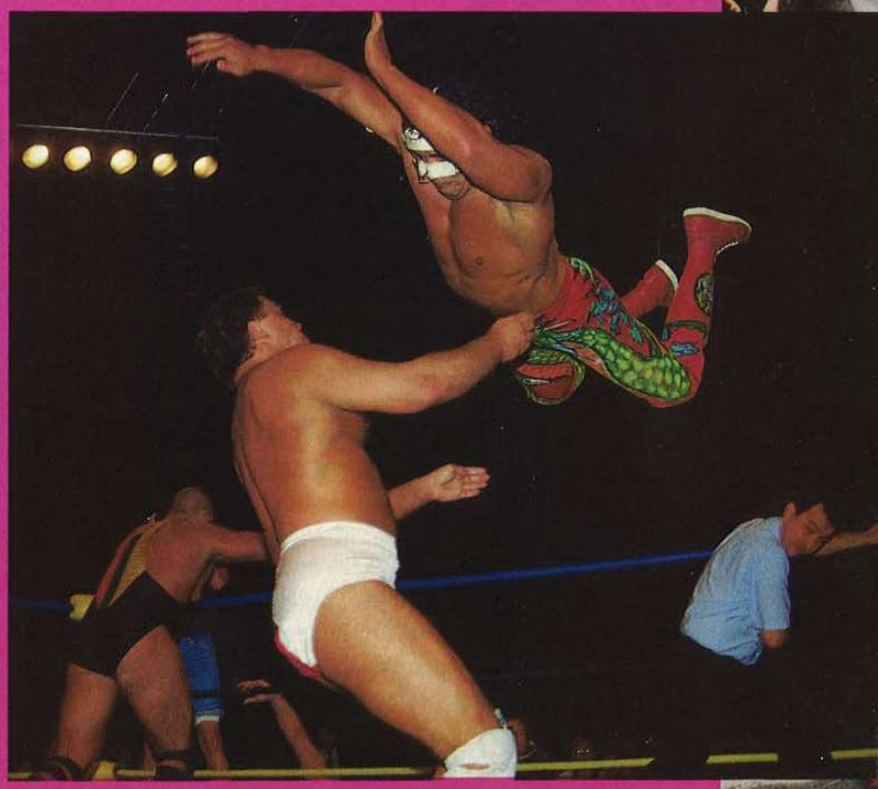
"All you have to do is imagine the fearsome force of 445 pounds focused into one point of impact—the steely point of the elbow. Then imagine that all that force is raised in the air and dropped on the chest of my opponent. Or maybe not the chest, maybe the head. Or the throat! Yeah, just crush the larynx like a paper cup under my heel! *Hahaha!*

"It doesn't matter, because there's no defense when you step into the ring against Big Van Vader. No man alive can hope to stop me when I decide to wreak havoc. No less a man than Sting tried, and he got his ribs broken for it. Does anyone think they're a better man than Sting? I hope so, because I'll be happy to cripple them, too!"

RICKY STEAMBOAT'S *FLYING BODYPRESS*

"You know, a couple of months ago, when *WCW Magazine* interviewed me for the '10 Questions' column, I talked about how executing the flying bodypress sometimes felt like soaring off a high diving board in slow motion, and sometimes felt like it was over so quickly, it never happened.

"Since then, I've thought about the move a little more. A lot of people say it's the best bodypress they've ever seen, and I'm flattered by that, but I think I know the reason why that is. It has to do with the fact that I get so much altitude off the turnbuckle. More height means I have a longer drop to my opponent, which in turn translates to a greater force of impact because my body has more time to accelerate. That's the physics of it. The reality of it is that it's my favorite move in the whole sport!"



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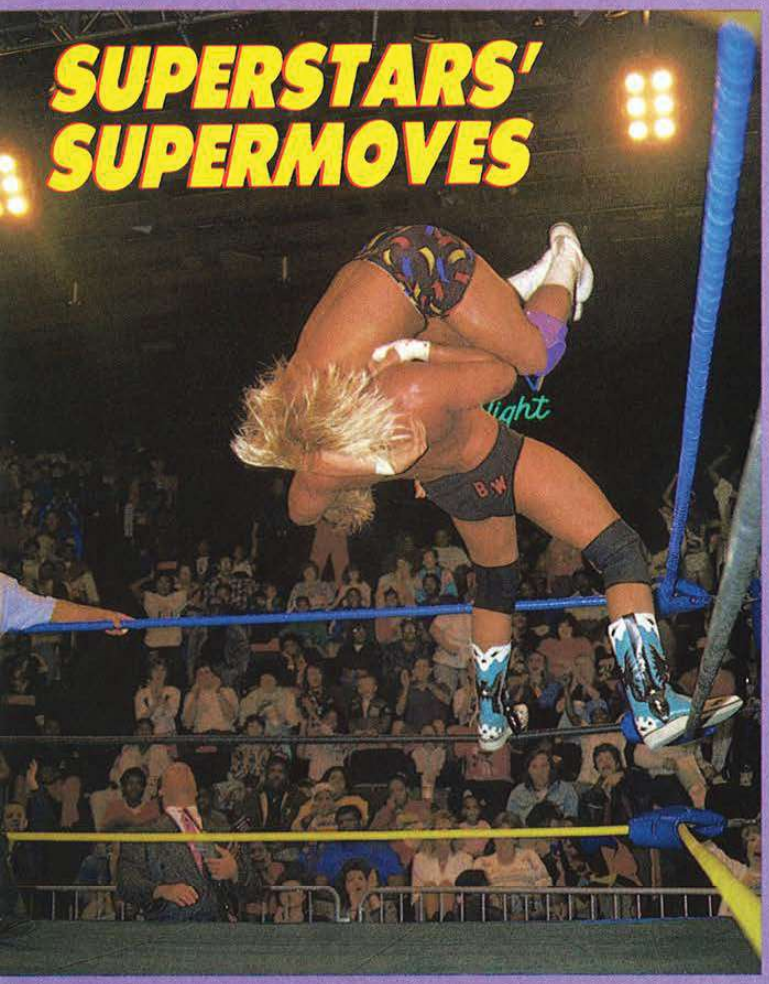
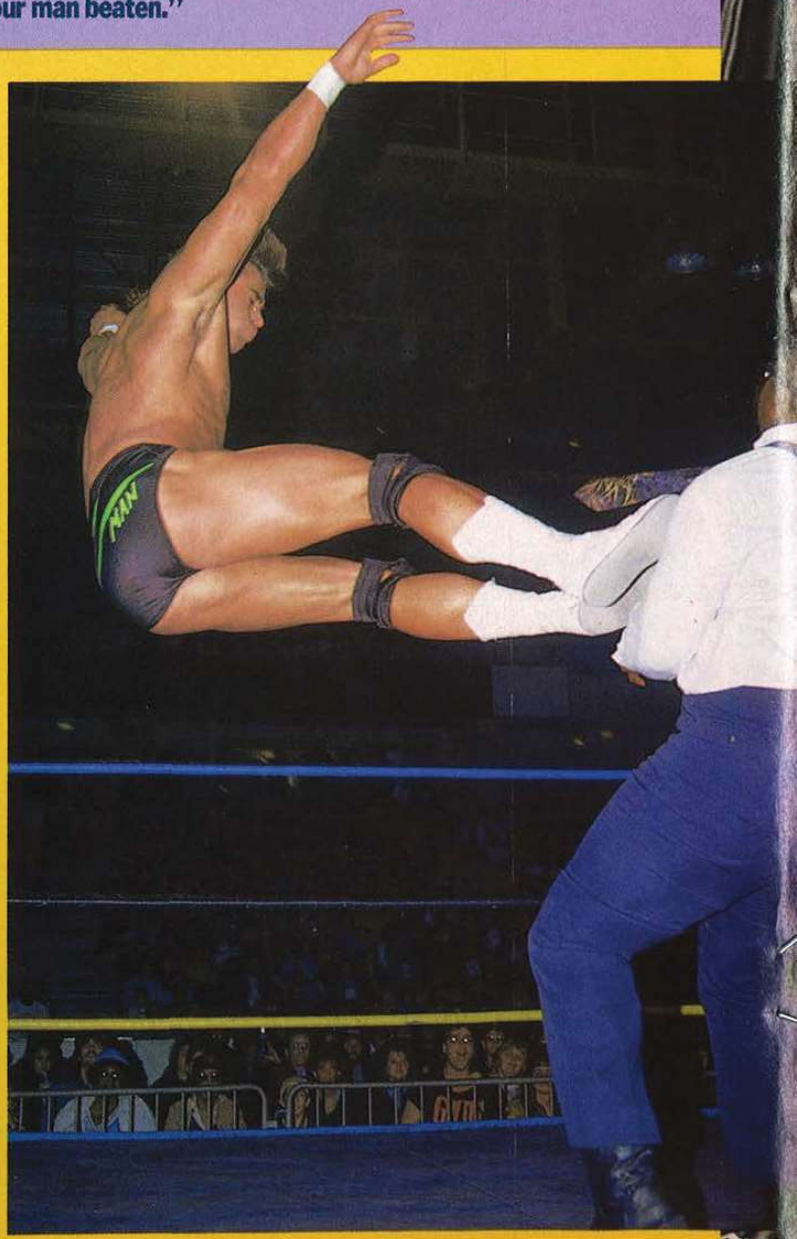


BARRY WINDHAM'S *SUPERPLEX*

"There's a split-second that happens when I do the superplex, sort of a moment of zero-gravity. You know, I have to grab my man, then take him up and over. But there's a point at the top of the move, when I've got my man as far up as he's gonna go, and we haven't yet started the real drop to the mat. It's a weird feeling, kind of like being in a rollercoaster at the top of a real steep drop just before you start hurtling down that hill.

"And that, I guess, is what I like about the superplex. Aside from the fact that it's an unbelievably damaging and effective move, it's a thrilling maneuver to execute. But you have to be real careful, because the key to not getting hurt when you do the move is to let your opponent absorb the impact on the mat for *both* your bodies. If you can do that, though, you've got your man beaten."



Z-MAN'S *DROPKICK*

"So many guys do the dropkick these days, it's lost a lot of the prestige it had back in the time when Antonino Rocca and Argentina Apollo were pioneering the move. It was unique in those days. It's not anymore, but it's still as effective as it's ever been. Maybe even more effective than ever, considering all the variations that have sprung up over the years. I'm a student of the move. Believe it or not, there are at least two dozen ways to throw a dropkick: standing, running, off the ropes, high target, low target . . . man, I could go on and on.

"Some guys like to kick up, where their legs are higher than their head. I like to try and kick down, so my head is higher than my legs. I find it gives me more control in pinpointing my target and snapping my legs to get the strongest impact. In the end, though, throwing the dropkick is kind of like making a golf swing: Everybody has a different one, and everyone has to do what works best for them."

Power-Packed Special Section!

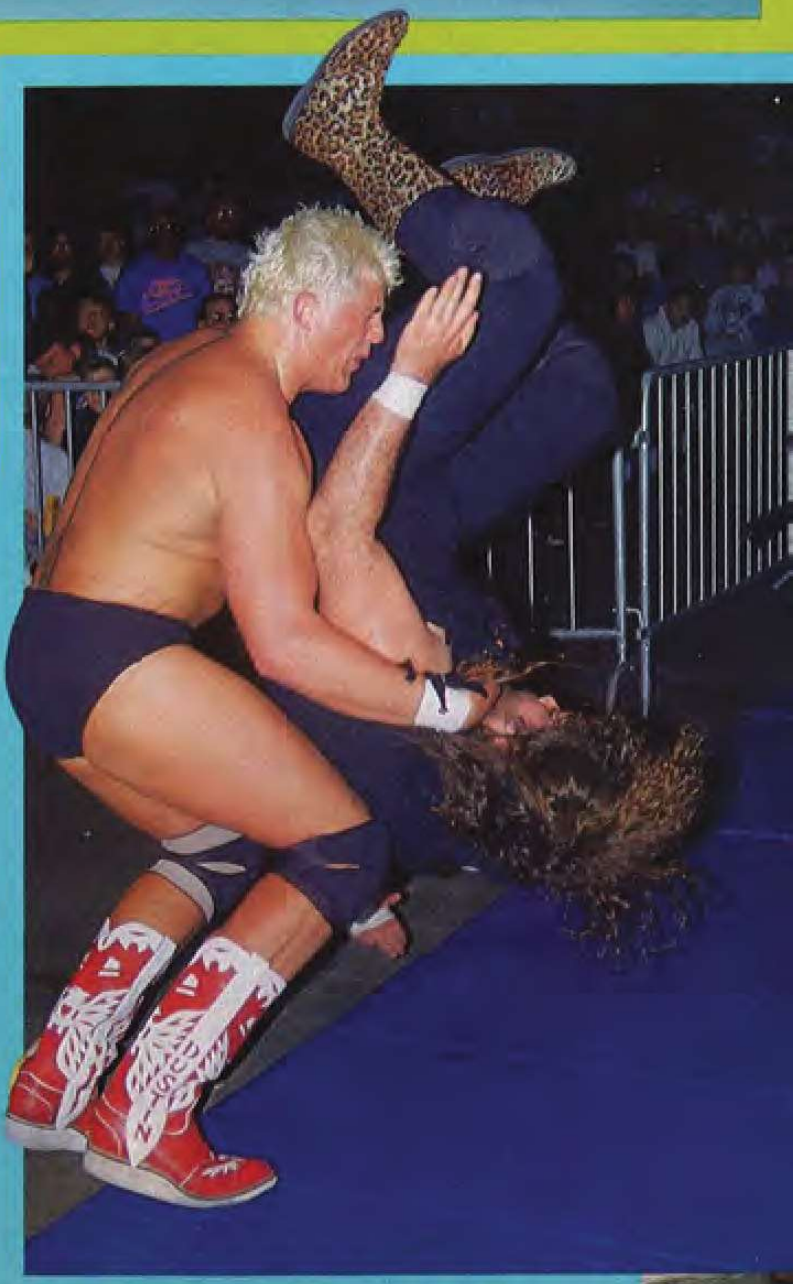
GREAT MUTA'S
SHORT ARM SCISSORS

Through an interpreter:

"Many people think of me as strictly an aerial wrestler. But one must look at the *whole* wrestler, not merely one aspect of that wrestler.

"One cannot simply enter the ring and try to execute high-risk aerial moves on one's opponent. Timing must be precise, and one's opponent must be significantly weakened or momentarily stunned in order to succeed with such a move.

"A hold I often use to help set up my aerial maneuvers is the short arm scissors. The way I do it, however, I debilitate not only my opponent's arm, but his head and his chest as well. His reflex reactions when I release the move, his natural tendencies to check his head, arm, and chest to assess damage, give me the choice of following up with another mat maneuver, or switching to my aerial arsenal."



CACTUS JACK'S
SOMERSAULT FLIP OUT OF THE RING

"Bang, bang! You want to know how I can tell if a move I do is effective? Okay, I'll tell you. I'll let you in on a little secret, only it's not that little, and it's not much of a secret:

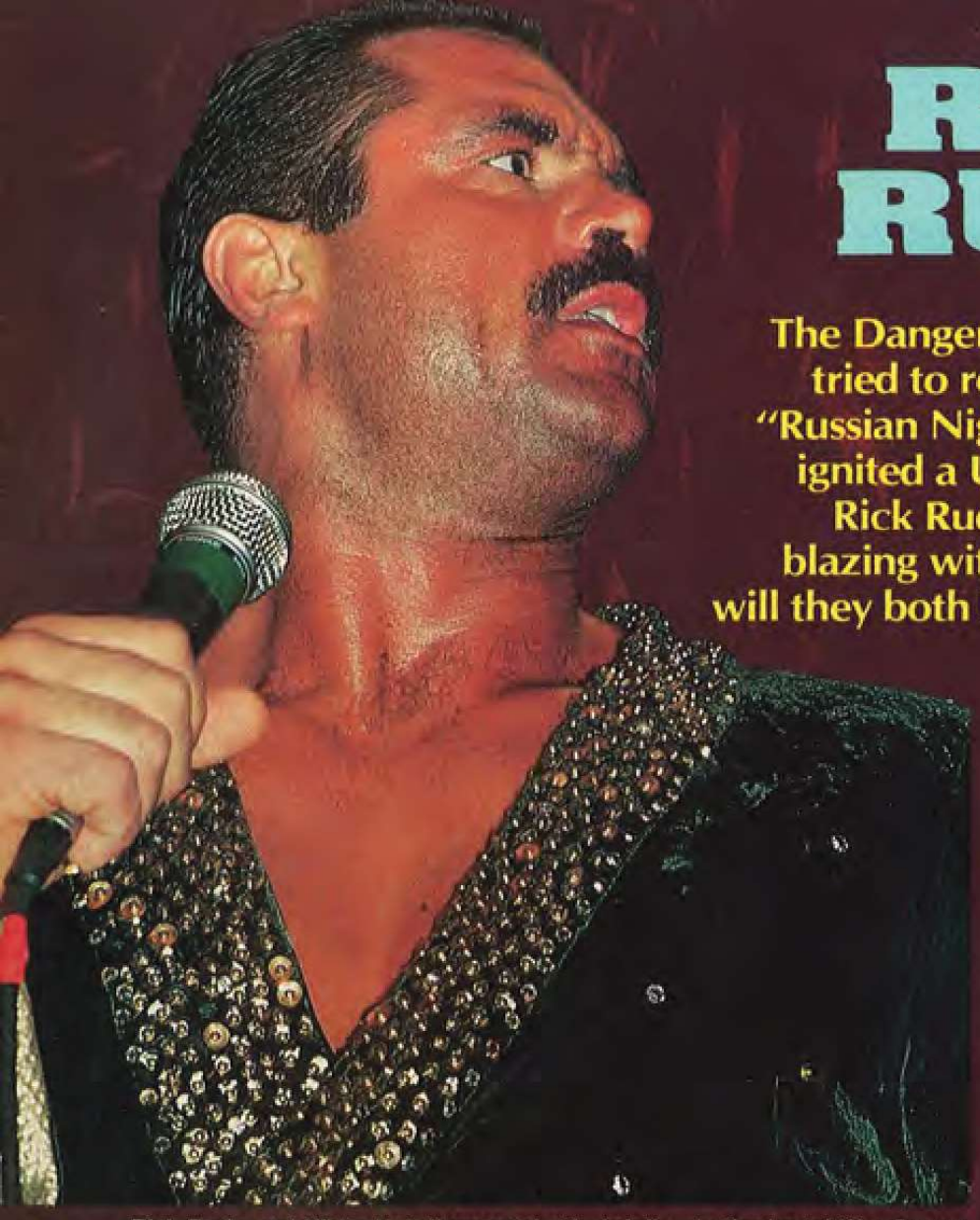
"The more I hurt after a move, the more I know my opponent hurts, and the better the move.

"Sometimes I get set to do my somersault out of the ring. You know, the one where my body hurtles through the air like a cannonball and slams into my opponent. Bang, bang! Just before I do it, I think: 'This is gonna hurt me a lot more than it's gonna hurt you.' And you know what? Sometimes it does! But that's okay, because it does hurt him, and that's the main thing. Me, I can take it. Bang, bang! But I know my opponent can't!" ◆

RICK RUDE V

The Dangerous Alliance gambled when it tried to recruit Nikita Koloff. When the "Russian Nightmare" refused the offer, he ignited a U.S. title feud with "Ravishing" Rick Rude that's sure to keep the mats blazing with fiery action all summer. But will they both be able to withstand the heat?

By Dave Rosenbaum



Rick Rude and Nikita Koloff squared off—briefly—in the brutal War Games cage match at Wrestle War '92.

Nikita Koloff was downcast. His head was bowed, and it seemed as if tears were forming in the corners of his eyes. But he wasn't looking to be alone, and he wasn't going to be. Surrounded by friends and reporters, Koloff had something to say.

"It looks like some people will never let me overcome my past," Koloff said. "Maybe it will follow me around for the rest of my life, but I know there are also many people who have forgiven me. Some of them are here right now. Those are the people who matter."

Nikita had just been tempted by The Dangerous Alliance. And Nikita, who has always struggled to "Just Say No" to wrestling's underworld forces, knew that he was once again given a clear choice of two roads to follow.

"He could've had it all," Paul E. Dangerously said. "Well, that's *his* mistake. The Dangerous Alliance will still go on, but Nikita Koloff won't! 'Ravishing' Rick will see to that!"

Whether he will or won't is

Who Will Get Burned In Th

S NIKITA KOLOFF

After Koloff rejected Madusa's offer to join The Dangerous Alliance (above left), Jesse "The Body" Ventura sympathized with the Alliance's "Director of Covert Operations" (above).

certain to be a central issue in the minds of most wrestling fans this summer. Because war has been declared between Nikita Koloff and Rick Rude, and the fate of the U.S. title hangs in the balance.

"My money's on Nikita in this war," observed Magnum T.A. "People sometimes forget what he's all about because of his occasional absences from the sport. That's a mistake, because his talent will always be there. If anything, he's better than ever."

That's something Dangerously won't admit now, but it's something he obviously felt all along. Otherwise, why try and recruit him into the Alliance? Koloff has displayed a vicious side in the past, and had he given in to that viciousness, he would have been a major asset to the group. Instead, Koloff did the right thing: He just said no.

In late-June, Koloff revealed that he had received an invitation to join the Alliance. As it turned out, the invitation came from Madusa, who apparently thought that a sultry American blonde would get Koloff's Lithuanian blood boiling.

"Madusa is no lady," Koloff said. "Where I come from, they would send her away to teach her what being a lady is all about."

A week later, after destroying an overmatched opponent, Rude called Nikita to ringside. When he got there, Nikita pushed Madusa and went after Rude. The war had begun.

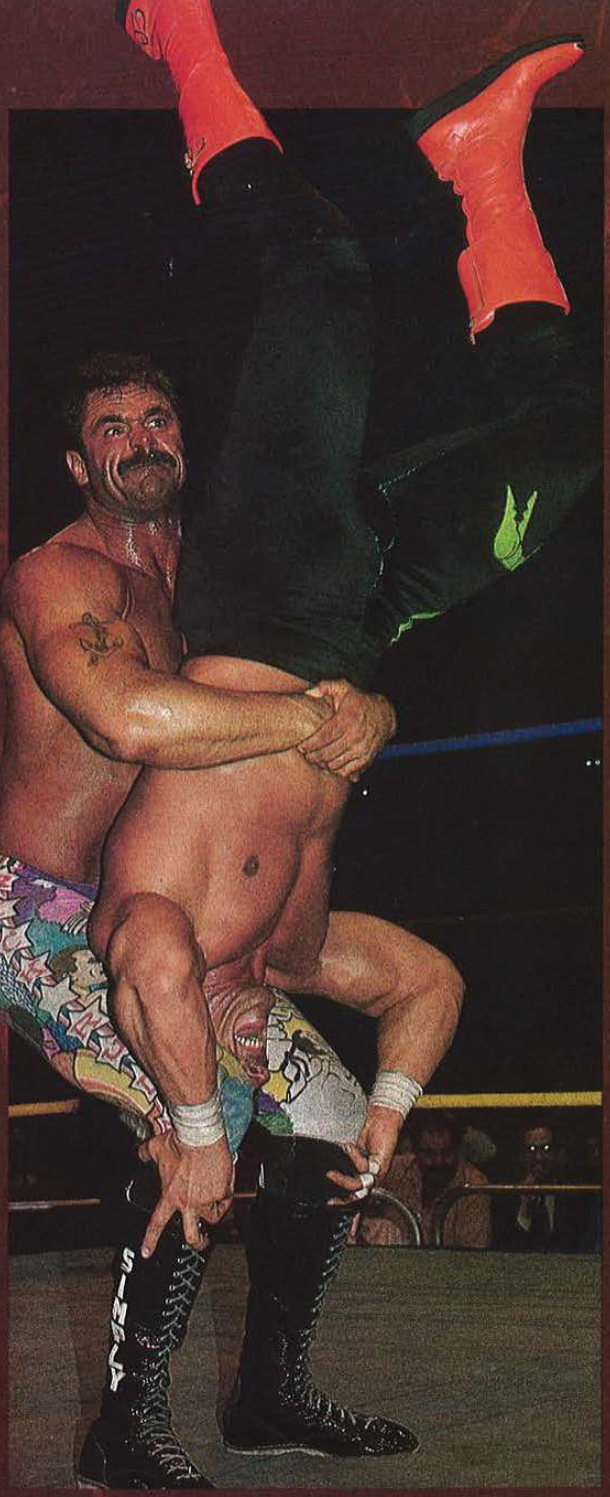
Of course, there's more fuel-

Koloff is looking to celebrate summer with a decisive victory in his war with Rude.

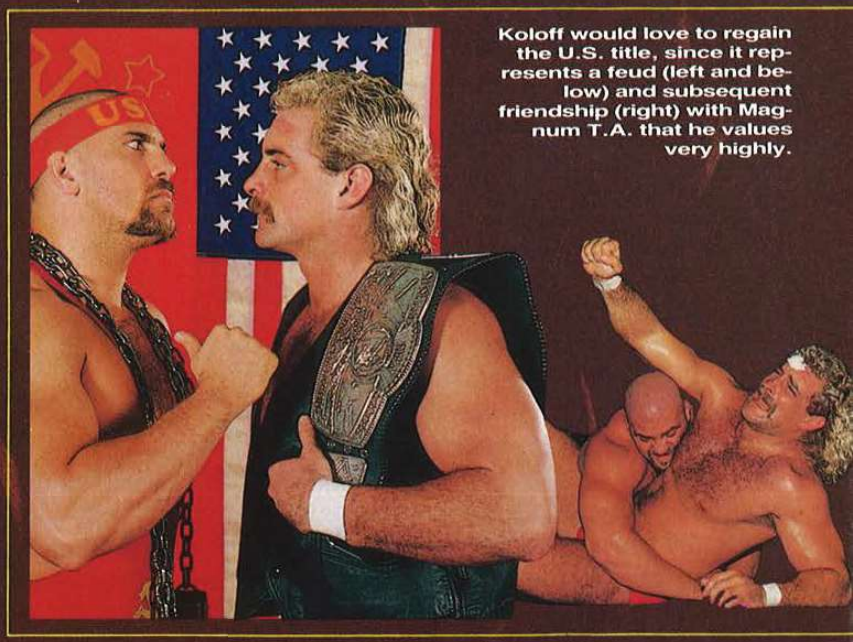
e Summer's Hottest Feud?

RUDE VS KOLOFF

A former U.S. champion, Koloff dearly wants to regain that title. Incensed by Koloff's refusal to join the Alliance and his treatment of Madusa, Rude dearly wants Koloff's hide.



Koloff might be wise to try and develop some kind of defense against "Ravishing" Rick's piledriver, a maneuver that has sidelined many formidable grapplers over the years. The best defense, of course, is a good offense—and avoiding getting caught in the piledriver altogether!



Koloff would love to regain the U.S. title, since it represents a feud (left and below) and subsequent friendship (right) with Magnum T.A. that he values very highly.

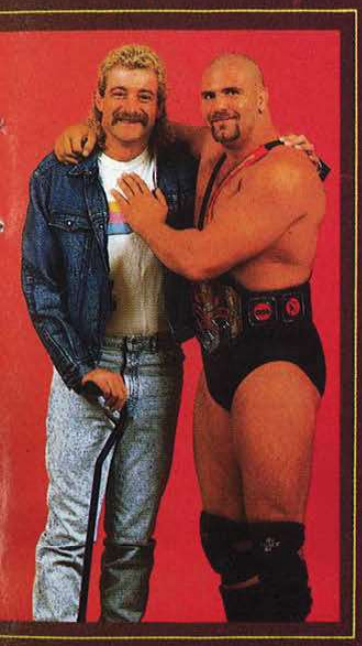
ing this feud than simply a spurned invitation. A former U.S. champion, Koloff dearly wants to regain that title. Incensed by Koloff's refusal to join the Alliance and his treatment of Madusa, Rude dearly wants Koloff's hide.

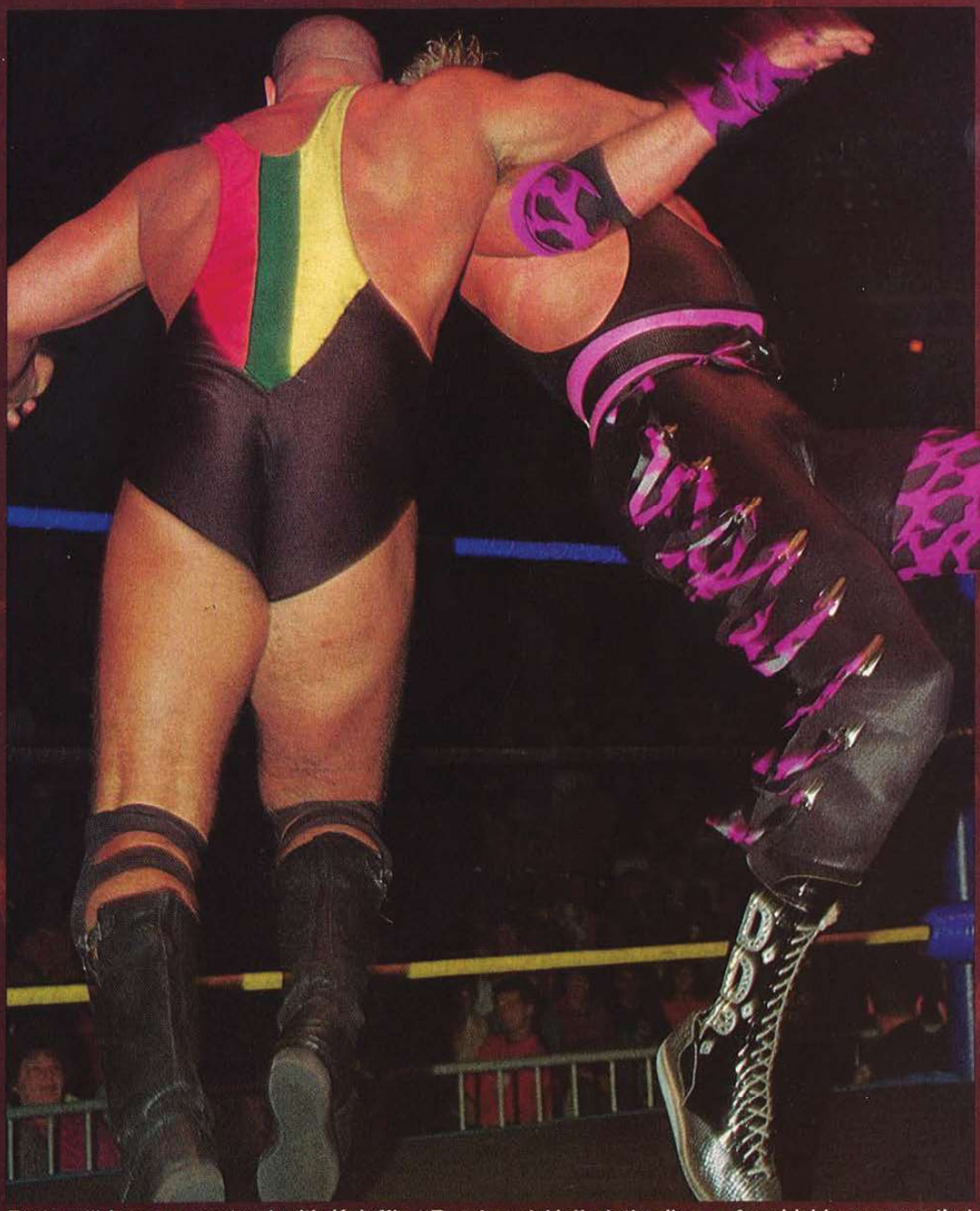
Koloff takes a special interest in the U.S. title because of what it represents. To him, it is a sign that he belongs in this country, a symbol of acceptance and assimilation. It is, after all, the *U.S.* title.

Plus, he has written his own significant chapter in the rich history of the belt. In the summer of 1986, Koloff and Magnum T.A. engaged in a history-making best-of-seven title series. Koloff was the winner, but his joy ended just months later when T.A.'s career was ended in a horrible automobile accident.

"There is much sentimental value to me in the U.S. title," Koloff said.

As for Rude, the U.S. title is



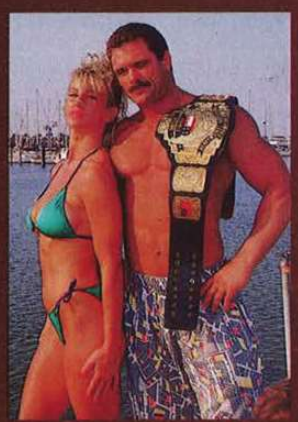


Rude will have to contend with Koloff's "Russian sickle" clothesline, a formidable weapon that can drive an opponent to the mat in a split-second.

yet another sign of his amazing success. He would love to get the World title—and has had several shots at World champion Sting—but Rude, too, is keenly aware of the U.S. title's proud history and significant value.

There is also the matter of The Dangerous Alliance needing to reassert itself in the face of Larry Zbyszko's departure from the group. *[See related story on page 40.]* "The Alliance remains as strong as ever," Rude sneered. "In fact, we're stronger without Zbyszko than we were with that loser. To prove it, I'll pound that Russian reject into borscht."

"I know that the Alliance will do everything possible to keep me away from the U.S. belt," Koloff said. "That only makes it more of a challenge to me, and I never turn away from a good challenge. Rude doesn't frighten me. In fact, *he* should be frightened by how I will deal with *him*." ◆



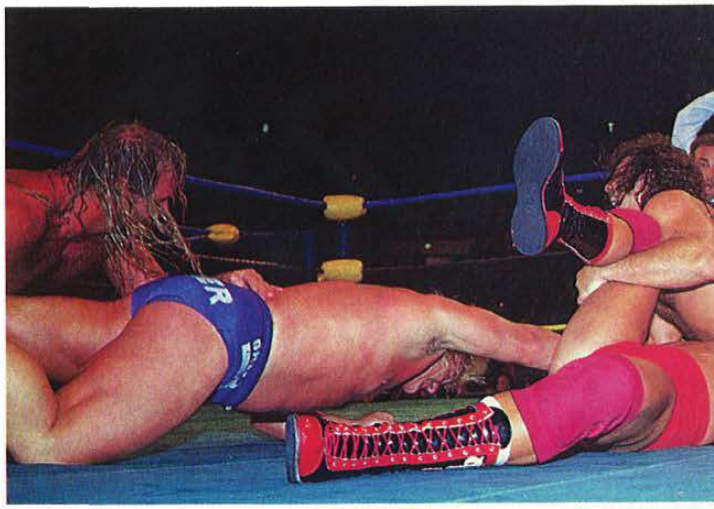
For Madusa and Rude, only some of the summer's heat will be felt on the beach.

Exclusive Coverage:

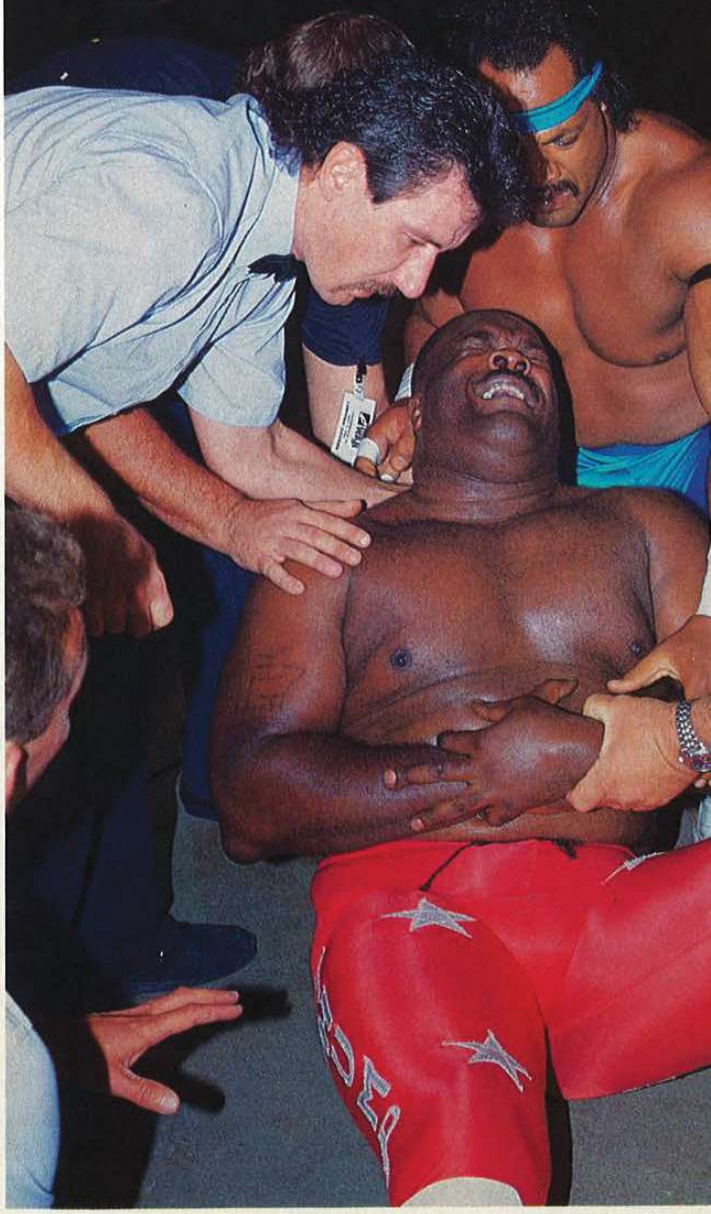
WRESTLE WAR '92

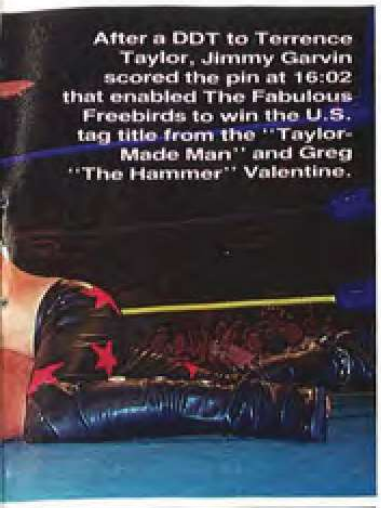
All The ACTION & DRAMA

From the opening match (which saw The Fabulous Freebirds capture the U.S. title) to the closing conflict (which saw Sting's Squadron emerge victorious over The Dangerous Alliance), Wrestle War '92 was a remarkable piece of wrestling history! Relive every action-packed match in this sensational photo section!



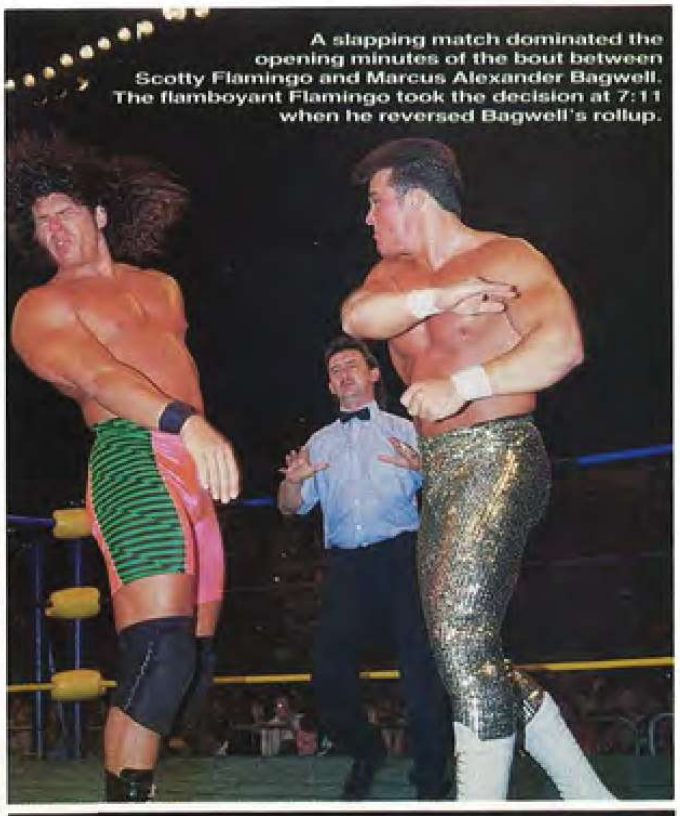
The scheduled match between Junkyard Dog & Ron Simmons and Mr. Hughes & Cactus Jack never took place: Jack attacked JYD on the runway leading to the ring before the opening bell. JYD was returned to the dressing room, and Simmons went on to defeat Hughes in a singles match at 5:22 following a football shoulderblock.





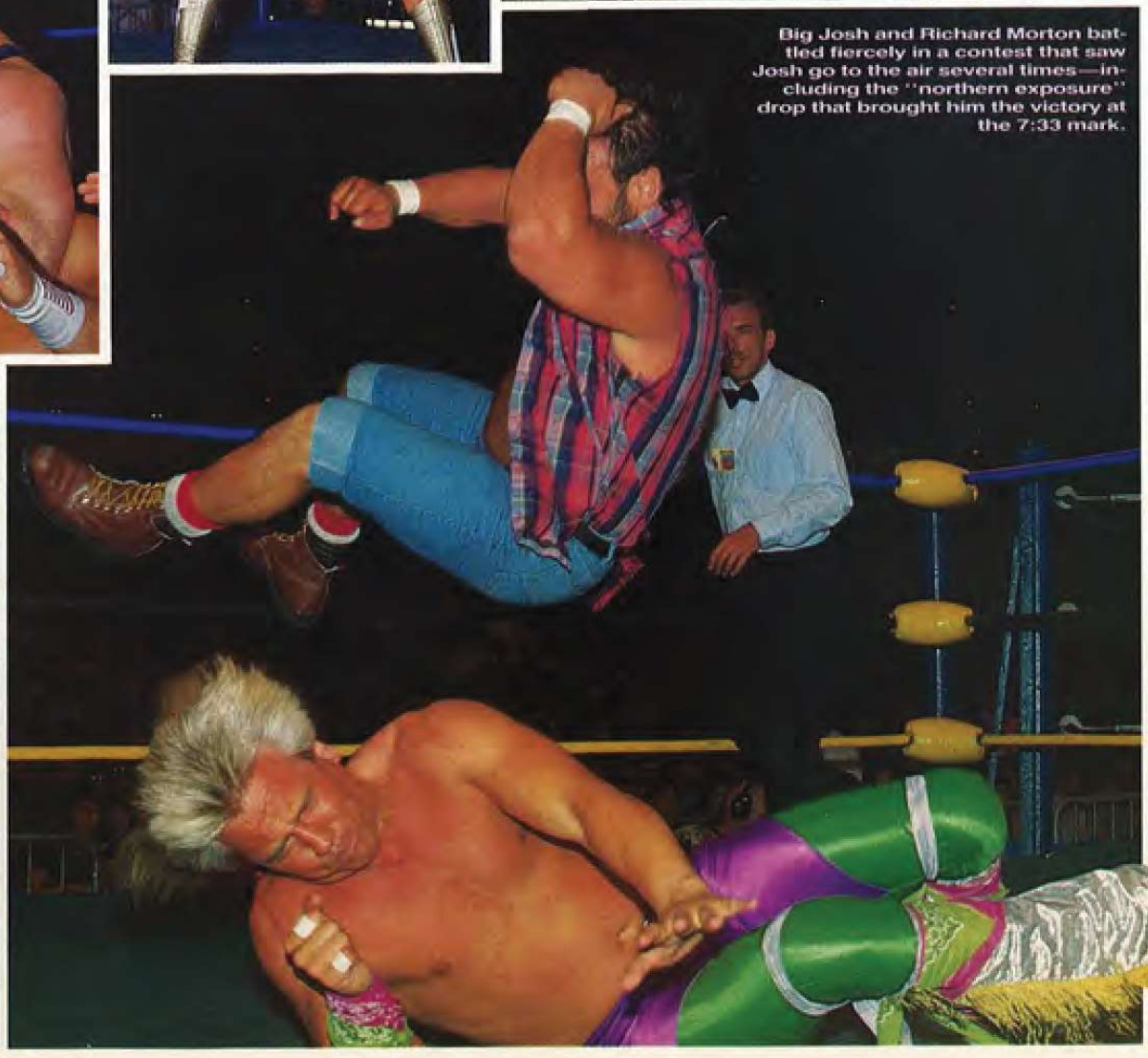
After a DDT to Terrence Taylor, Jimmy Garvin scored the pin at 16:02 that enabled The Fabulous Freebirds to win the U.S. tag title from the "Taylor-Made Man" and Greg "The Hammer" Valentine.

Johnny B. Badd's sunset flip was impressive, but it was the left hook that gave him the victory over Young Pistol Tracey at the 7:03 mark.



A slapping match dominated the opening minutes of the bout between Scotty Flamingo and Marcus Alexander Bagwell. The flamboyant Flamingo took the decision at 7:11 when he reversed Bagwell's rollup.

Harley Race's massive newcomer, Super Invader, downed Todd Champion in 5:26 with a power bomb.

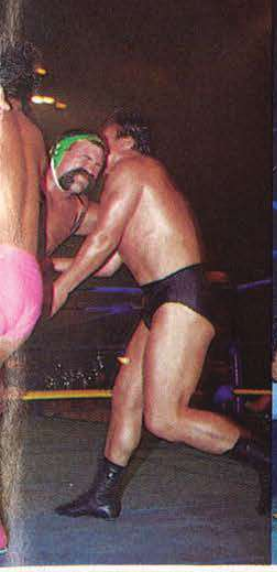


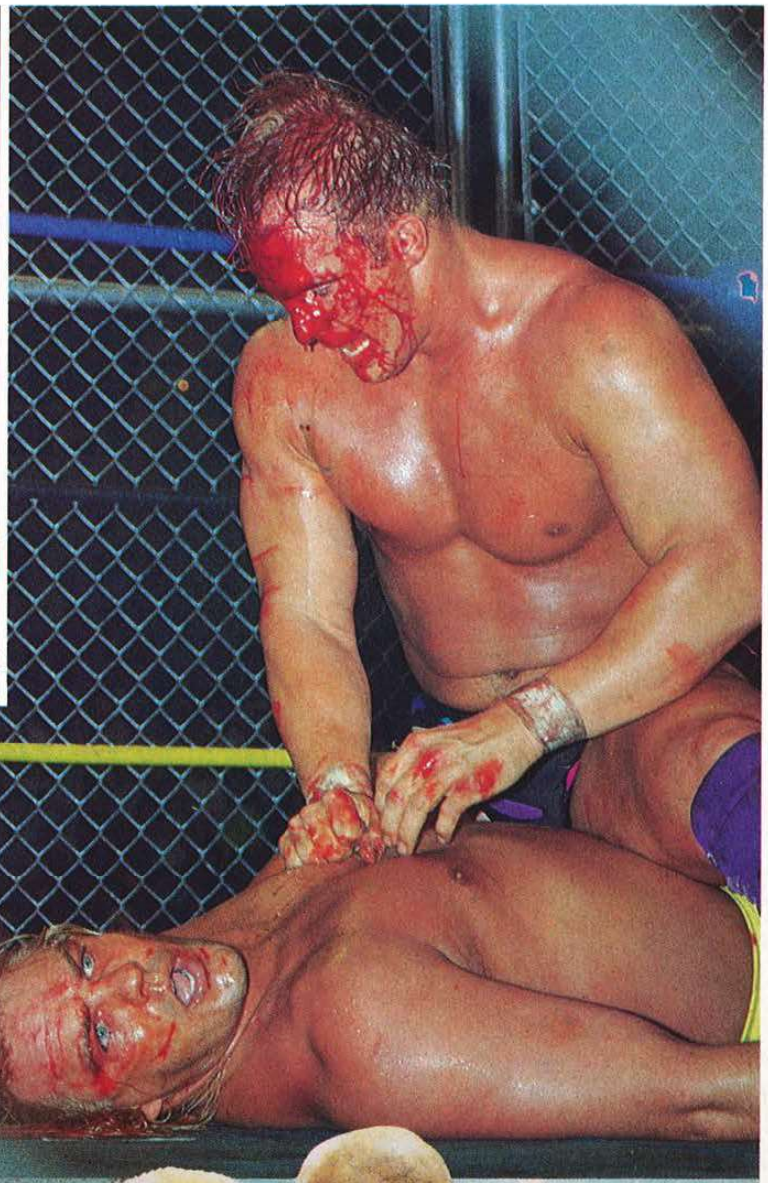
Big Josh and Richard Morton battled fiercely in a contest that saw Josh go to the air several times—including the "northern exposure" drop that brought him the victory at the 7:33 mark.

WRESTLE WAR '92

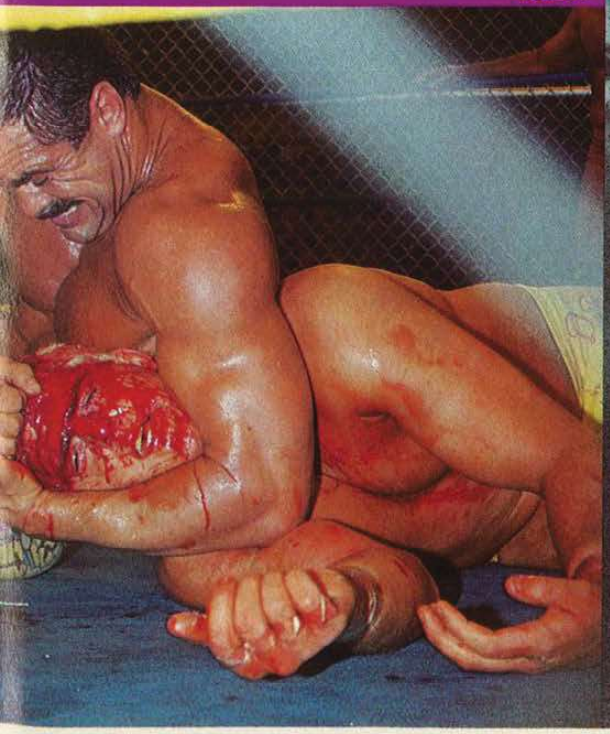
The battle of friends between the Z-Man and Flyin' Brian was a highly anticipated—and hotly contested—affair. Brian retained the World light heavyweight title in 15:30 of a bout that saw both men utilize virtually every move in their extensive repertoires.

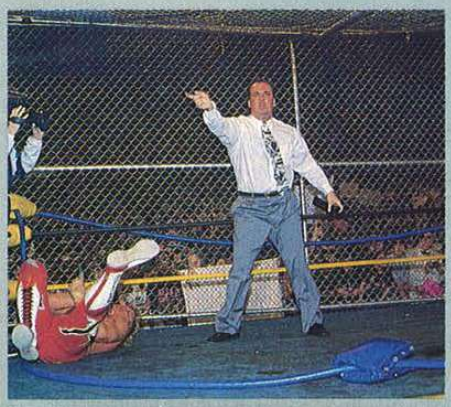
The Steiners' match against Tatsumi Fujinami & Takayuki Iizuka was a brutally physical affair that saw Rick and Scott win in 18:16 after Rick belly-to-belly superplexed Iizuka. As a result of the victory, the Steiners were named number-one contenders to the IWGP tag team title.





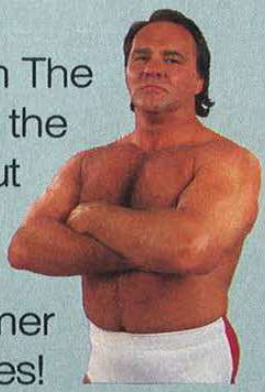
The War Games bout, in which Sting's "Squadron" battled The Dangerous Alliance, turned out to be a painful and bloody affair, as Steve Austin and Barry Windham quickly learned (right). Rick Rude delighted in brutalizing Dustin Rhodes (below), but the fans delighted most in seeing Sting and Nikita Koloff solidify their renewed friendship (below right). The "Squadron" won the bout in 23:27.





"The Cruncher" Crunches The Alliance

Larry Zbyszko's departure from The Dangerous Alliance stunned the wrestling world, and the fallout continues with this exclusive feature in which "The Cruncher" puts the squeeze on all his former teammates!



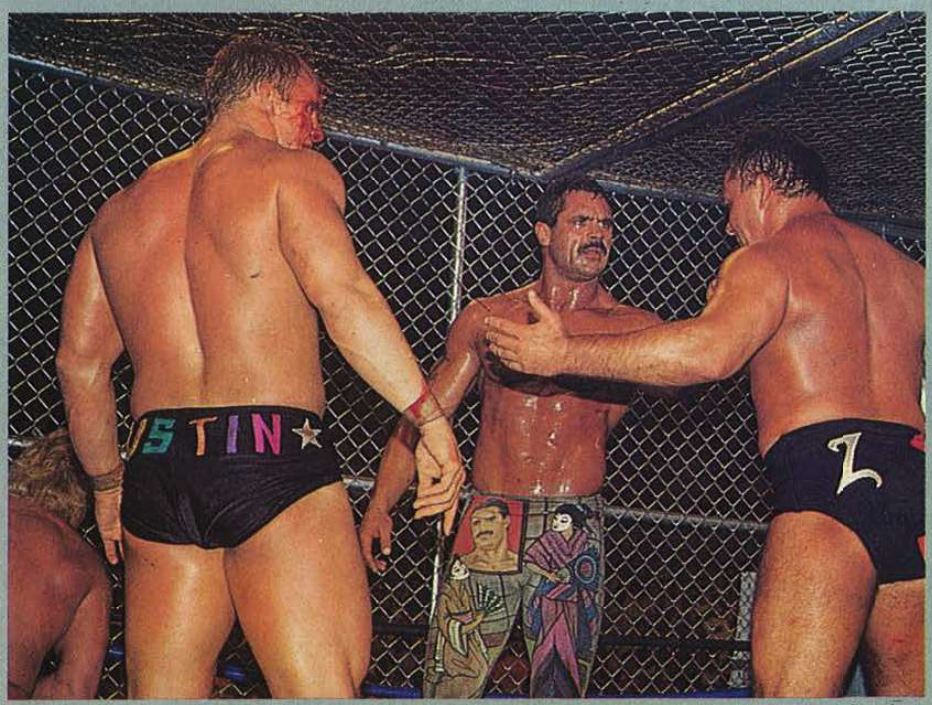
EDITOR'S NOTE: *Wrestling never ceases to thrill and shock, and there's no contingent in the sport more capable of both than The Dangerous Alliance.*

This talented, dangerous, and wildly unpredictable troupe always seems to be making news. The latest headlines have concerned one of the Alliance's most respected members: veteran superstar Larry Zbyszko.

Shortly before this issue went to press, the wrestling world was shocked to learn of "The Cruncher's" departure from Paul E. Dangerously's organization. But nothing was more shocking than Zbyszko's reaction when we asked him to comment on the situation.

Zbyszko did more than comment: He virtually ripped the lid off of the Alliance, revealing a rich mix of secrets, strategies, and problems. Zbyszko told us so much, in fact, we had no choice but to stick a pen in his hand and have him tell us his story in his own words.

Finally, here's a warning to Paul E. Dangerously and The Dangerous Alliance: You will not like what you are about to read. Guaranteed.



Sequence from top: Paul E. Dangerously singles out Larry Zbyszko for having lost the War Games bout for The Dangerous Alliance. "The Cruncher's" teammates apparently agreed with Dangerously, and told Zbyszko so while they were still inside the War Games cage.

By Larry Zbyszko

I'm mad. There's no use beating around the bush, because after reading what I'm about to write, you'll get the idea.

Don't call me bitter, because I'm not. My anger is completely justified, and Paul E. Dangerously, that little twerp, is the cause of all of it.

But I'm not going to waste my time firing darts at Dangerously; I did plenty of that with last issue's centerfold of that punk. As my father once told me, "Larry, don't get mad, get even." And

LARRY ZBYSZKO REVEALS "DANGEROUS" SECRETS

that's what this article is all about.

I'm going to get even with Dangerously, Rick Rude, Steve Austin, Bobby Eaton, Arn Anderson, and Madusa. They're going to learn the hard way what it means to cross "The Cruncher."

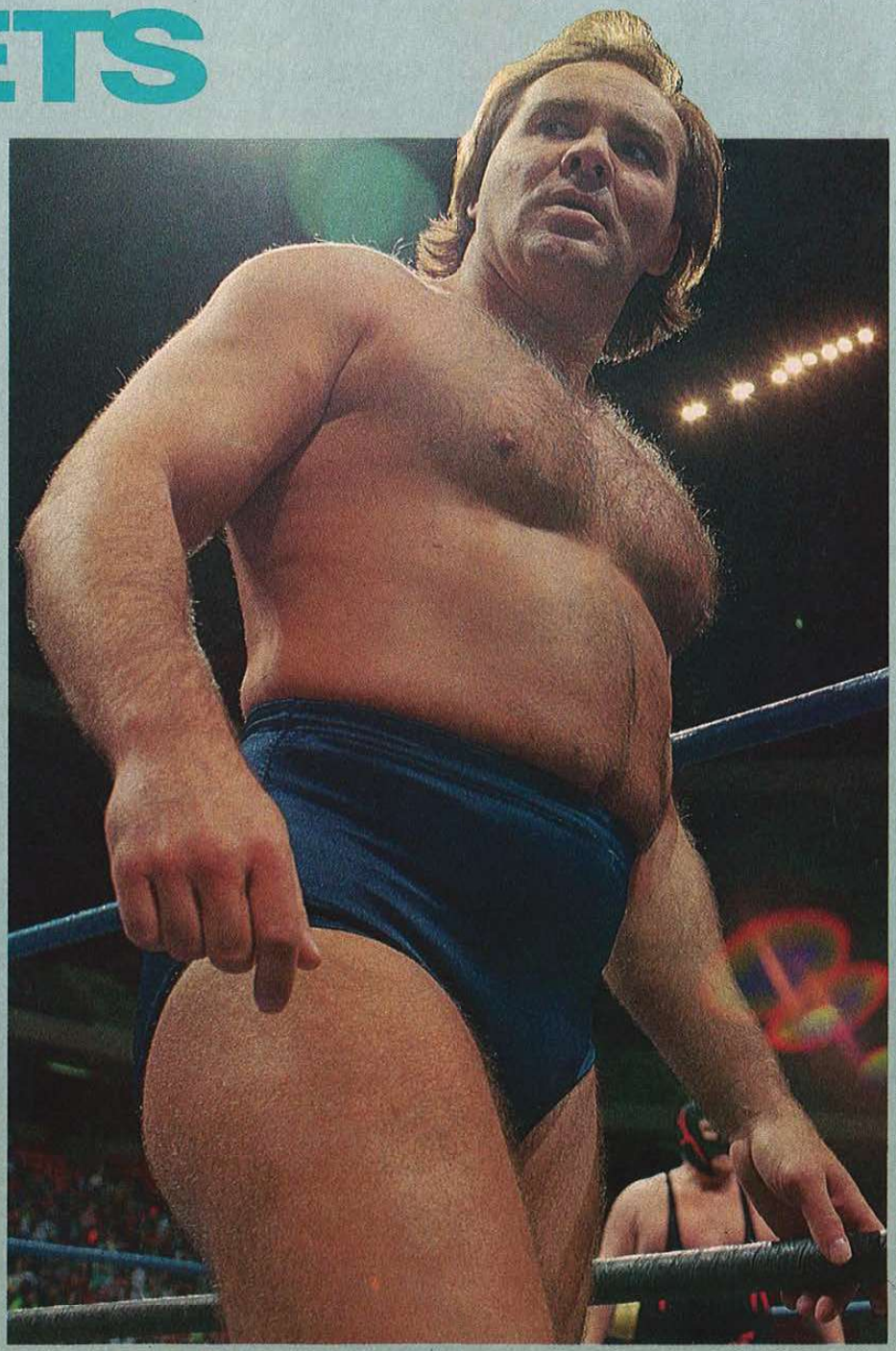
First of all, don't believe everything Dangerously's trying to tell you. He'd like the world to believe that the Alliance is one big happy family, but I'm living proof that's not so.

With me gone, the family's a bit smaller than it was before, and it was never happy in the first place. The problem is Dangerously. He's collecting a bigger piece of the pie than anyone ever intended, and there's not one person in that group who likes it. I liked it the least.

Everyone saw me and Paul E. arguing in recent weeks. Well, here's what was being said: I was telling Dangerously not to stick his nose where it didn't belong, and he was telling me to watch out or I'd lose my share of the paycheck. Then I'd tell him to get lost, it's my paycheck, and he's just a weasel!

Let me tell you something: Dangerously didn't like me snapping back at him, and he went out of his way to lay the blame on me for everything that happened. One night, me and Beautiful Bobby lost to Dustin Rhodes and Barry Windham. It was a match we never should've lost, and even Bobby would admit that there was enough blame to go around.

Well, Dangerously tried to



blame me, he got right in my face, and I almost decked the little sucker. Tell you the truth, I should've.

But this isn't getting us anywhere. There's a lot of dirt to reveal when it comes to The Dangerous Alliance, and I'm going to go one by one. Yeah, I'm gonna take the Alliance apart piece by piece.

I'll start with Bobby, 'cause we tagged quite a few times. Sure, Eaton's a heckuva wrestler, but like all wrestlers—even myself—he's got a few weaknesses. The biggest one isn't too apparent, but I've noticed it time and time again.

Watch what happens when Bobby comes off the top rope for his "Alabama Jam." Yeah, it's a spectacular move, but Eaton leaves himself vulnerable at the very end. Avoid the "Jam," go for a small package, and you've got an easy win nine times out of 10.

Then there's Arn Anderson, another great wrestler, a veteran who's done it all. I have the utmost respect for Arn, but if I was

LARRY ZBYSZKO

Madusa often chastised Zbyszko from ringside regarding "The Cruncher's" activities inside the ring.

Sequence from top: During a bout that saw Zbyszko and Bobby Eaton battling Dustin Rhodes and Barry Windham, Dangerously felt "The Cruncher" wasn't following proper strategy, thereby losing the match for his team. Zbyszko threatened the manager, then returned to the dressing room—alone.

wrestling him, I'd go after him all-out from the start. Arn has great stamina, but only if he has an easy start. Work him hard early, and he's dead later in the match.

"Stunning" Steve Austin. *Stunned* is more like it. That is, if you know the secret that he fears being caught in the figure-four leglock more than just about any other hold.

"Ravishing" Rick Rude. Now *there's* a piece of work for you. The guy loves looking at himself in the mirror, and he thinks every girl has her eyes on him. That's fine, but Rude's problem is overconfidence. He has that one great finishing move, the "Rude Awakening," but the trick is to catch him just before he

starts to apply it. He's vulnerable in the midsection, and one quick knee is all it takes to double him over.

You know, the problem with the Alliance is that there's always infighting. Always. Most of us didn't like Madusa, but Paul E. and Rude like having her around, so they get their way. Madusa is one ornery . . . well, this is a family magazine, so I'll leave it at that.

Just before I left The Dangerous Alliance, we had that match at Wrestle War '92 against Sting's Squadron. The one thing I remember from that match is when Austin started the bout against Barry Windham, and we won the coin flip and Rude got to go in.

Well, you should've heard all the bellyaching that was going on at ringside! Arn said, "There go our chances," and Madusa was whining up a storm! When it was finally over, everybody was looking for somebody else to blame for the loss. I would've gladly volunteered my share if I didn't have to spend so much time defending myself against my own—*ahem!*—teammates.

In my mind, The Dangerous Alliance could've been a great thing. Unfortunately, the whole turned out to be much less than the sum of its parts. The Alliance is headed for a major-league breakup. I was merely the first piece to fall.

Mark my words and count the days: It's happening fast. ◆

Despite fine showings against such formidable competitors as Rhodes (above), Zbyszko received criticism from virtually everyone in the Alliance (below).

THE 3rd DEGREE

Rick & Scott Steiner

They are hailed by many as the greatest tag team in the world today; some go so far as to say the greatest in wrestling history. They are currently in their third reign as World tag team champions. They are Rick and Scott Steiner, and their matches never fail to elicit awe and respect from fans and professionals alike.

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Rick entered the pro ranks in 1984; Scott a year later. Still, most fans mark July 23, 1989, as the starting point for the Steiners. On that day, at The Great American Bash in Baltimore, Rick and Scott wrestled their first major match as a team, defeating Kevin Sullivan and Mike Rotunda. So began a string of victories that, so far, has brought them three World tag team titles, a U.S. tag team championship, and the IWGP tag team title.

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And while such a collection of belts would be impressive to anyone, the Steiners would impress even if they'd never worn championship gold. Their vast array of moves and maneuvers is as amazing as can be. A Steiners match is likely to thrill and excite with any number of breathtaking and awe-inspiring displays of sheer athleticism, from the "Frankensteiner" to the "tilt-a-whirl" suplex to the belly-to-belly superplex to any one of dozens of remarkable suplex variations. Most amazing, in fact, is that Rick and Scott are constantly adding new moves to their repertoires!

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***WCW Magazine's** Craig Peters interviewed Rick and Scott several days prior to their first scheduled match against "Dr. Death" Steve Williams and Terry "Bamm Bamm" Gordy. "The Steiners are—well, they're the Steiners," Peters reported. "What you see on TV is precisely who they are in person. They have fun at the interview microphone, and they have fun in their matches, but they also had some fascinating opinions on WCW in general, and the arrival of Bill Watts in particular."*

WCW MAGAZINE: First of all, I want to thank you guys for taking the time out to . . .

RICK: Hey, is this gonna take a long time?

WCW MAGAZINE: Well, not really, it's . . .

RICK: 'Cause I'm kind of hungry. I gotta go grab some lunch.

SCOTT: Calm down, Rick, you just pounded down a humongous bowl of spaghetti about an hour ago. You can't *possibly* be hungry! Sorry, Craig, go ahead.

RICK: Man, I could go for a sub or something right about now.

WCW MAGAZINE: Well, I'm sure this won't take long, Rick. First off, I wanted to ask you guys about Steve Williams and Terry Gordy. They've been saying a lot of disparaging things about you two, not the least of which was printed in these very pages two issues ago.

SCOTT: Yeah, I remember that one: "They're just two more lemons off the Detroit assembly line."

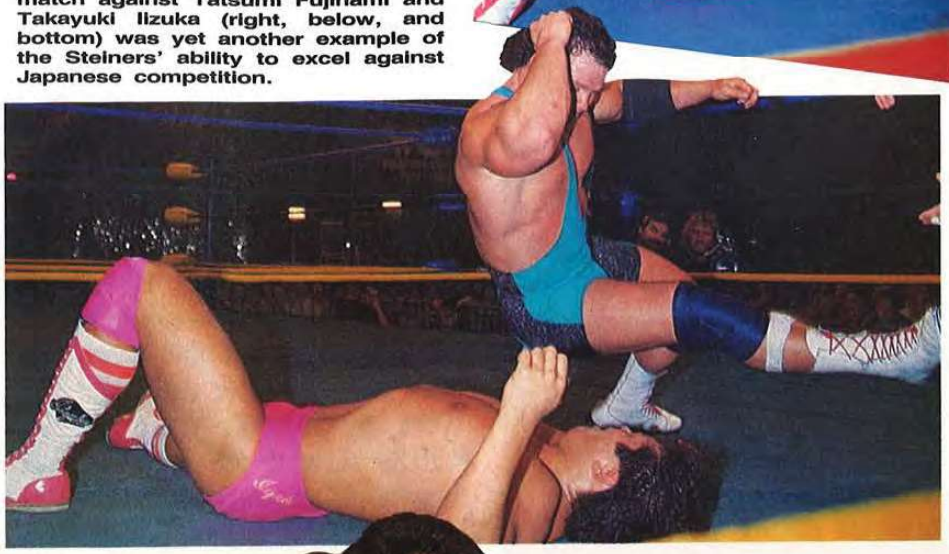
RICK: Lemons? Hah! We'll crush Gordy and Williams like a couple of stale fortune cookies! Hey—I could go for some Chinese food right about now.

SCOTT: In fact, me and Rick have a bunch of copies of that magazine.

RICK: We bring 'em with us when we go to the gym, you know. Makes us angrier. We work out that much harder.

WCW MAGAZINE: Well, you guys have been to Japan, you've held the IWGP tag team title, you have a lot of experience with Japanese wrestlers and the Japanese style of competition. Let me ask you this: Do you think there's any truth to Gordy and Williams' claim that the wrestling in Japan is tougher than it is in the United States?

Rick and Scott's Wrestle War '92 match against Tatsumi Fujinami and Takayuki Iizuka (right, below, and bottom) was yet another example of the Steiners' ability to excel against Japanese competition.



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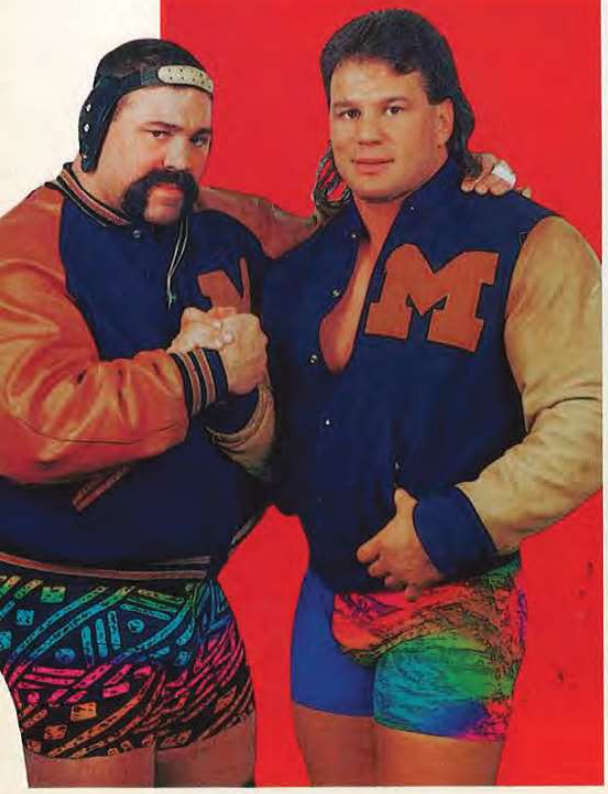
"We'll crush Gordy and Williams like a couple of stale fortune cookies."



SCOTT: Look, it doesn't matter where you are, whether it's Japan, the U.S., Canada, Australia, or anywhere else on the globe. If you're tough, you're tough anywhere against any opponents, and that's all it boils down to. Me and Rick, we're the toughest in the sport today, and we have the belts to prove it.

RICK: Japanese wrestlers are tough, but we're tougher. Gordy and Williams are tough, but we're tougher. Ain't nobody tougher than us, right Scotty?

SCOTT: You bet.

WCW MAGAZINE: *Tough* seems to be the word of the month in WCW right now. Bill Watts has joined WCW, and his mission is to fill WCW with the toughest wrestlers in the sport.

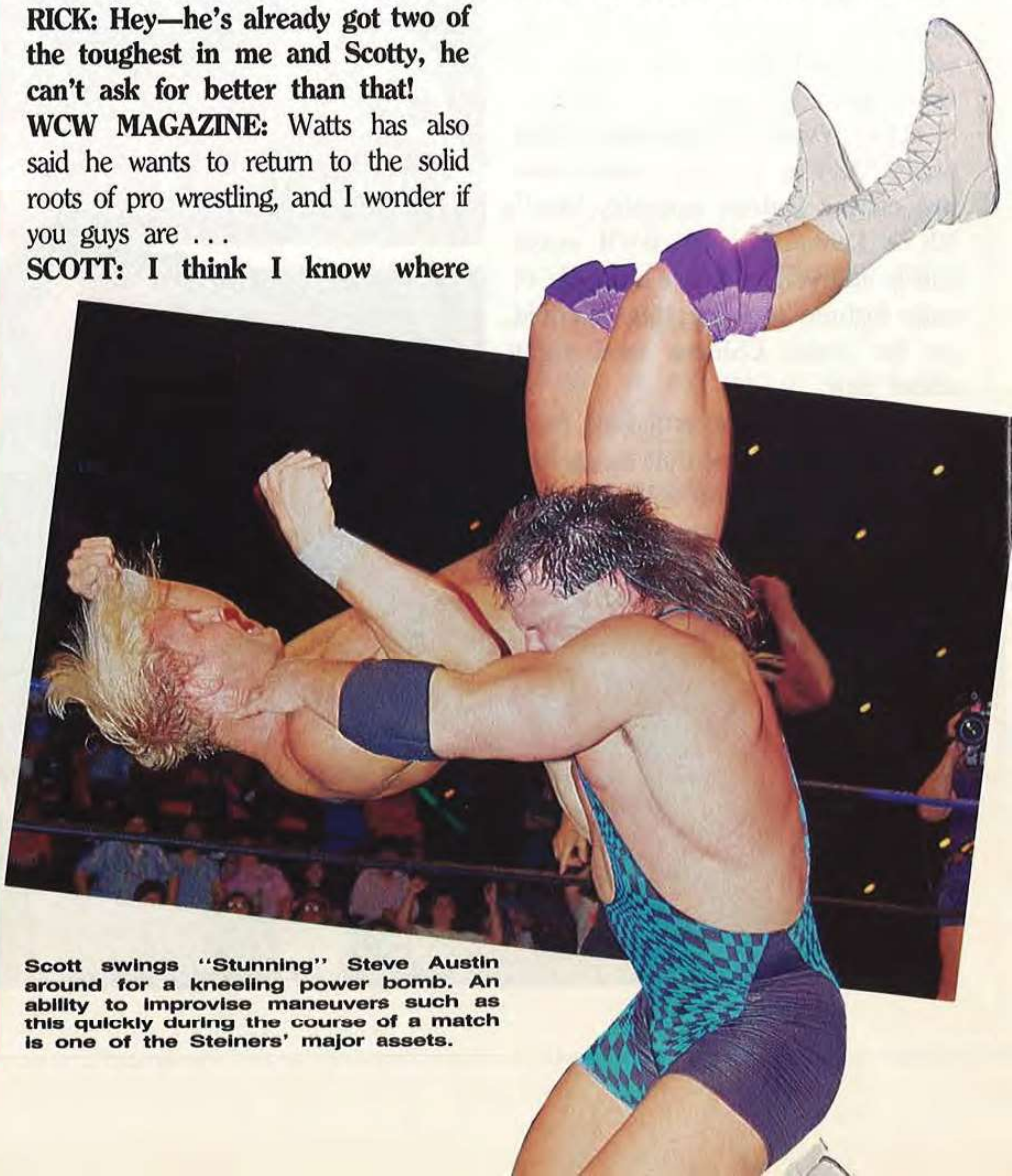
RICK: Hey—he's already got two of the toughest in me and Scotty, he can't ask for better than that!

WCW MAGAZINE: Watts has also said he wants to return to the solid roots of pro wrestling, and I wonder if you guys are . . .

SCOTT: I think I know where you're going with this, Craig, and let me just say that my brother and I never left the solid roots of the sport. We both had great records at the University of Michigan on the amateur mats, and I like the chances of either of us against anybody else in the sport today in a pure amateur-rules match.

RICK: You know, a lot of people forget that when Bill Watts ran the old UWF back in the mid-'80s, me and Sting were UWF tag team champions. Won the belts from Chris Adams and Terry Taylor. So I'm real comfortable that Bill Watts is in charge of WCW, and that he wants to keep the action as tough as can be.

WCW MAGAZINE: Part of Bill Watts' "get tough" stance is the fact



Scott swings "Stunning" Steve Austin around for a kneeling power bomb. An ability to improvise maneuvers such as this quickly during the course of a match is one of the Steiners' major assets.

that he's banned moves from the top rope. You both utilize a move where you hold an opponent on your shoulders, Scott, and Rick, you bulldog him from the top rope. Under the new rules, that move would bring you guys an automatic disqualification. How do you feel about that?

RICK: *(mumbling)* Bulldog . . . hot dog . . . corn dog . . .

SCOTT: You know, if the top-rope bulldog were our only big maneuver, we'd probably be pretty angry. But it's just a drop in the bucket where we're concerned. We have dozens of moves, and we're adding more all the time. We may lose the ability to use one big move, but there's plenty more where that came from.

WCW MAGAZINE: What about Ole Anderson being brought back to serve as a troubleshooting referee?

RICK: What about it?

WCW MAGAZINE: Are you guys worried that Ole might cramp your ring styles?

SCOTT: I don't think we're in any danger of that happening. Me and my brother stick by the rules. We're not the kind of guys who go out and shove referees and try to slip one past the rulebook. As long as Ole is fair and calls them all down the middle, like any referee is expected to do, I don't think we'll have any problems with him at all.

WCW MAGAZINE: I know it's . . . well, actually it's almost exactly a year since you underwent surgery for a torn bicep, Scott. You were out of action for several months, and 1991 was a rough year for you all around because of it. Now you're back, you're back on top with the World belts, but fans still keep asking the question, Scott: How's the arm feeling?

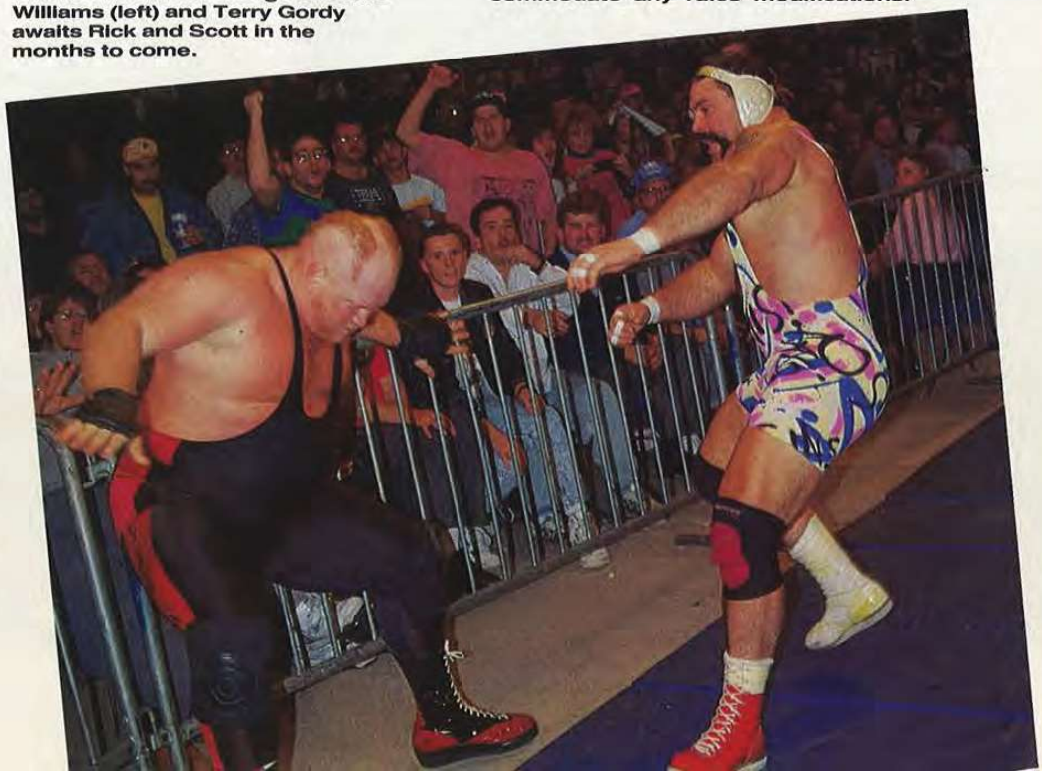
SCOTT: As good as it ever did. Maybe better. It's kind of irritating to constantly be asked about it, but I guess the fans are concerned, they're being supportive, and, well, I can't ask for more than that. I guess a lot of our opponents would like to think that the arm is less than 100 percent, but that's just not the case. In fact, in a nutshell it's really just . . .

RICK: Nuts! Yeah, a bag of peanuts and a . . .

SCOTT: Man, I guess we better wrap this up. Rick's about to start chomping on your pencil and notepad! ◆

The Steiners say they're not worried that new WCW rules will prevent them from coming off the top rope (above) or brawling into the ring barricades (below). They're confident their styles are wide-ranging enough to accommodate any rules modifications.

The formidable challenge of Steve Williams (left) and Terry Gordy awaits Rick and Scott in the months to come.



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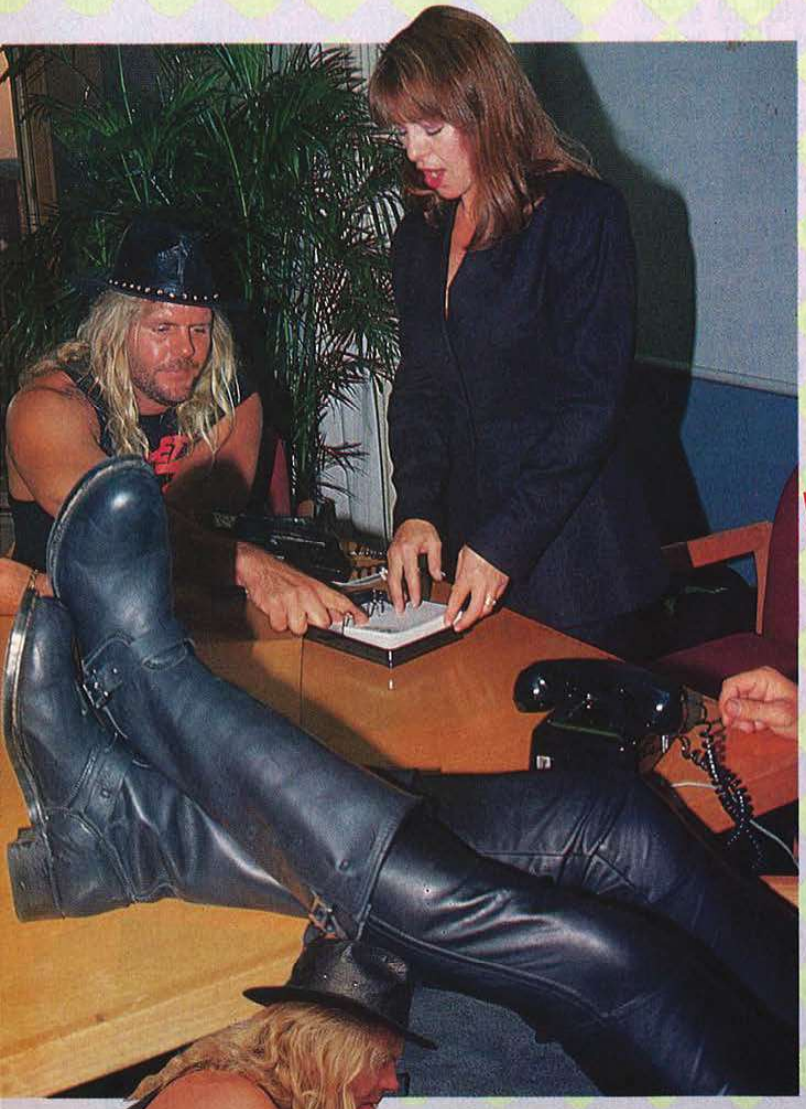

THE FABULOUS FREEBIRDS ENTERPRISES

"As we call this meeting of The Fabulous Freebirds Enterprises to order," said Precious, "we have several items on the agenda."

"Yeah," growled Michael "P.S." Hayes, "like turning back a hostile takeover of our U.S. tag team championship!"

Joining Hayes in raucous laughter was Jimmy "Jam" Garvin. And why not? The Fabulous Freebirds had, just days earlier, defeated "Taylor-Made Man" Terrence Taylor and Greg "The Hammer" Valentine for the U.S. tag team championship at Wrestle War '92. They were still savoring the victory.

"Our initial goal, of course, is to maintain our position as U.S. tag team champions," Precious continued. "But as we do that, as we move into a series of title defenses, we also need to integrate our concert obligations so that we don't encounter conflicts of scheduling."

"You bet, baby!" Garvin said with a broad grin. "Me and 'P.S.,' we can rock or wrestle with the best of 'em! Hey—it ain't *our* fault we're so multitalented!"

The Freebirds *are*

multitalented, and now they have the knowledge and experience of Precious to help guide them through a new phase of their tag team career.

"I'm not an interfering bimbo like Madusa, and I'm not about to choke the life out of my men through overanalysis, like Alexandra York did," Precious told ***WCW Magazine***. "I'm my own woman, and I have a great deal of experience in this sport. I spent many years by Jimmy's side, and I know Michael almost as well. I've spent the last several years in the corporate world, and I can add that knowledge to what I already know about wrestling, rock 'n' roll, and The Fabulous Freebirds.

"I've guaranteed Jimmy and Michael, and I'll guarantee everyone: The creation of Fabulous Freebirds Enterprises marks a new chapter in the career of this championship team—a chapter that is destined to be the most glorious of all!" ◆

Clockwise from right: Jimmy "Jam" Garvin kicks back as Precious discusses scheduling problems; meetings seem to always be interrupted by phone calls; Michael "P.S." Hayes checks on current album inventories; Hayes and Precious discuss how to fill an open date; Precious' behind-the-scenes influence has already helped The Fabulous Freebirds capture the U.S. tag team title.

Championship Challenge

CRYPTOQUOTES

Each of the cryptoquote puzzles below is a message in code from the wrestler pictured next to the quote. The code is straightforward: One letter stands for another. For example, THE DANGEROUS ALLIANCE might become RGW SLBFWEIYA LKKULBXW, where R is substituted for T, G is substituted for H, W is substituted for E, etc. Each of the four messages has its own code. How do you break the codes? Look for small words (a single letter is bound to be A or I; a two-letter word might be AN, IF, IS, IT, MY, OF, or OR; a three-letter word could be FOR, THE, or AND) and carry the code throughout the message. On the first two messages, we've given you hints by giving you the name of the wrestler in the code for that message. (Solutions on page 22.)

1. (RICK RUDE = YPBA YOGT)

P JTU FQ FPBA UQ XI FUQXDBK RKTZ P FTT UKTFT HDU, QOU-QH-FKDWT, ZQ-BQZGPUPQZ BQOBK WQUDUQ HDZF DU YPZJFPGT YTDBKPZJ QOU UQ UQOBK XT. P KDNT ZQ YTDFQZ UQ MQUKTY RPUK UKTX, TVBTWU UQ JPNT UKTX UKT KQZQY QH MTPZJ PZ UKT WYTFTZBT QH D YTDS XDZ.

2. (TEDDY LONG = XIHHC PSRK) M'Q TVSYH XS FI LIPTMRK AGA MR XLI GSQQYRMXC. AI KIX SYX XLIVI, XEPO XS OMHW, ERH XIPP XLIQ XLEX XLI QSWX MQTSVXERX XLMRKW MR PMJI EVI XS WXEC SJJ HVYKW, OIIT SYX SJ XVSYFPI, KIX ER IHYGEXMSR, ERH HS XLI VMKLX XLMRK.

3. R'C JT YPOQQW, QSHQ'J QPEO, ZEQ R'C HGJT H ZHHHHHHK CHX! RL CW JEXJOQ LGRY KTX'Q AOQ 'OC, CW JQRXARXA GOLQ STTF IRGG!

4. NSMH, NSMH! DP UPI YJOML VSVYID KSVL JSD DPZR IMIDISA ZPBRD? ERAA, UPI SOM'Y DRRM MPYJOMH URY! O'Z EPTLOMH PM S ZPBR YJSY EOAA NR EOAFRT SMF ZPTR FSZSHOMH YJSM SMUYJOMH O'BR RBRT FPMR NRGPTR! OY'D DP EOAF, O VSM'Y RBRM NRAORBR OY ZUDRAG! NSMH, NSMH!

ANSWER TO CHAMPIONSHIP CHALLENGE ON PAGE 22:

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Civic Center

20-ROANOKE, VA
Civic Center

23-OKLAHOMA CITY, OK
State Fair Arena

24-ST. JOSEPH, MO
Civic Arena

25-KANSAS CITY, MO
Municipal Auditorium

26-JOPLIN, MO
Memorial Hall

27-ATLANTA, GA
Center Stage Theater
TV Taping

30-SAVANNAH, GA
Civic Center

31-HAMPTON, VA
Coliseum

August

1-PHILADELPHIA, PA
Civic Center

2-BALTIMORE, MD
Baltimore, Arena
TV Taping

5-RALEIGH, NC
Dorton Arena

6-FAYETTEVILLE, NC
Civic Center

7-CHICAGO, IL
UIC Pavilion

8-MILWAUKEE, WI
The Mecca

9-CHATTANOOGA, TN
UTC Arena

10-ATLANTA, GA
Center Stage Theater
TV Taping

11-GAINESVILLE, GA
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KORO Corpus Christi, Texas (Sundays, 10:30 p.m.)
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WCW IN CHICAGO
WCW Pro Wrestling on WGN Channel 9
Saturday mornings, 10 a.m. Central time

WCW ON SPORTSSOUTH CABLE
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9 p.m. Eastern time

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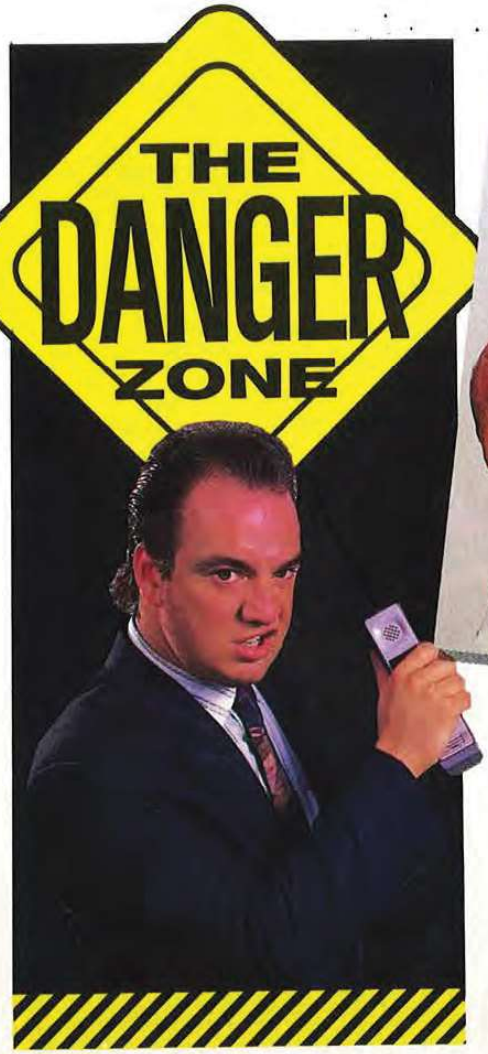

WITH
Paul E. Dangerously

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Make no mistake about it: The Dangerous Alliance is still the most powerful group of individuals ever assembled in this or any other sport. To be 100 percent honest with you, readers, the only way for The Dangerous Alliance to have been defeated was . . . to defeat itself!

As I'm sure you have figured out by now, I'm referring to Larry "The Cruncher" Zbyszko, the man who just couldn't listen to instructions. Zbyszko nearly ended Bobby Eaton's career in the War Games, and blew several opportunities to do damage to Ricky Steamboat, Nikita Koloff, Barry Windham, Dustin Rhodes, and—particularly—Sting.

As a matter of fact, the problems with Zbyszko were much deeper than that single War Games bout. When we needed Sting on the injured list, we could no longer rely on "The Cruncher" to handle such projects, and we had to go to the outside to enlist the services of Big Van Vader to put the "Stinger" in the hospital.

But we will not be going to the outside to address this situation with Mr. Zbyszko. We will keep it in the family. We will take the matter into our own hands. Because there is one thing that will never change about The Dangerous Alliance's corporate philosophy:

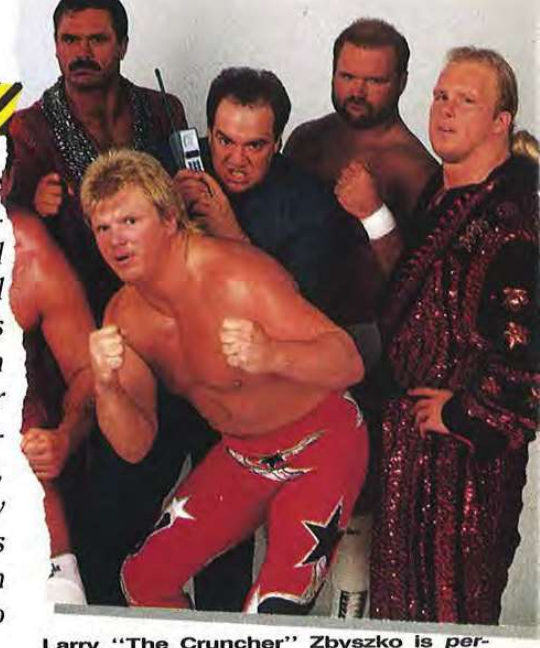
We clean our own laundry . . . and we take out our own trash.

Speaking of trash, on to the mailbag.

Dear Sir,

I can't wait until Larry Zbyszko rams your phone right down your throat!

◆ ALEX MacVAY
Nutley, New Jersey



Larry "The Cruncher" Zbyszko is *persona non grata* as far as The Dangerous Alliance is concerned. I say good riddance to bad rubbish.

Dear Sir (I think),

Obviously, living next to a toxic waste dump has affected your logic to the point where you make absolutely asinine statements and deem them suitable for publication. If I were you, I wouldn't hold my breath waiting for Zbyszko to gain much success against the Alliance. Then again, living in New Jersey, you're probably holding your breath 24 hours a day anyway.

You better believe I was outraged after Wrestle War (below). What Zbyszko did in the War Games match was an atrocity. Thank goodness I have friends like David Lee Roth (right) to help me forget about idiots like "The Cruncher."

Dangerous One,

Thanks for everything, man! I had a great time hanging out with you, "Ravishing" Rick, Double-A, Bobby, Steve, and Ms. 007 herself, Madusa. One question, though: Any chance of The Dangerous Alliance expanding into rock 'n' roll management?

◆ DAVID LEE ROTH

Somewhere On The Beach In Southern California

Diamond One,

That would be up to a vote by all the members of the Alliance. But with imbeciles like Van Halen involved in rock 'n' roll, I'm sure we'd have our hands full dealing with the stupidity that appears to reign supreme in the record industry.

Dear Paul E.,

When you claim that Madusa is your "Director of Covert Operations," what exactly does that mean? And you better answer me honestly—or else!

◆ MR. X

Parts Unknown

Dear X,

As the Director of Covert Operations for The Dangerous Alliance, Madusa has many responsibilities, one of which is to track down threatening letter-writers and knock them out of Fantasyville and back into the Land of Reality. Get the point, Mr. Mystery Letter-Writer?

Dear Mr. Dangerously,

When Stunning Steve went back after Barry Windham and regained the World television title, did he do it because The Dangerous Alliance wanted to stop Barry, or because, as you always pointed out when you were WCW's premier color commentator, because the TV title symbolizes the best wrestler on television?

◆ AMY RUSSO

Chicago, Illinois

Dear Ms. Russo,

Stunning Steve performed a service for the Alliance by proving to Barry Windham just who the best wrestler on television is today. But it doesn't stop there. Steve has beaten Michael Jordan in a game of HORSE; outrun Carl Lewis in the 100-yard dash; beat Wayne Gretzky in one-on-one hockey; and plowed over "LT" Lawrence Taylor and Cornelius Bennett in touch football. In other words, he's the world's greatest athlete!

Stunning Steve proved to Barry Windham—and the world—that you don't mess with The Dangerous Alliance's title aspirations.

Anybody who thinks Madusa is simply window-dressing for the Alliance ought to have his head examined.

Dear Paul E.,

When WCW last toured England, "Ravishing" Rick Rude lived up to his name: He was very rude to my mom at ringside. I demand an apology—now!

◆ CHARLIE NORTON

London, England

Dear Charlie,

I apologize that your "mum" didn't raise an intelligent son the way Mrs. Rude did.

If you would like to contribute to Paul E. Dangerously's mailbag, send your questions and comments to: "The Danger Zone" c/o WCW Magazine, One CNN Center, P.O. Box 740124, Atlanta, Georgia, 30374. ◆

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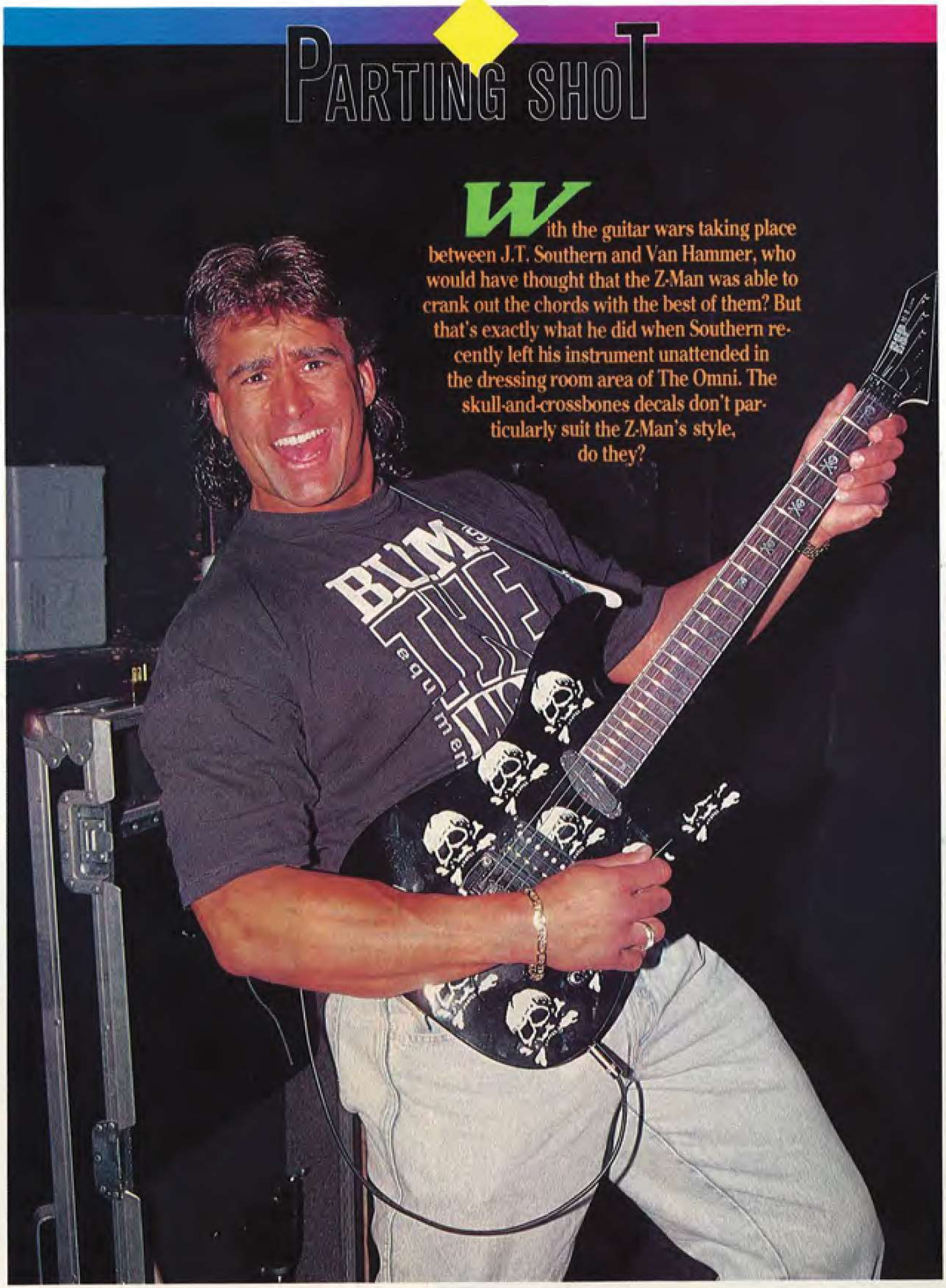

With the guitar wars taking place between J.T. Southern and Van Hammer, who would have thought that the Z-Man was able to crank out the chords with the best of them? But that's exactly what he did when Southern recently left his instrument unattended in the dressing room area of The Omni. The skull-and-crossbones decals don't particularly suit the Z-Man's style, do they?

COLLECTOR'S PORTRAIT #10

"RAVISHING" RICK RUDE

WCW'S SEXIEST WRESTLER

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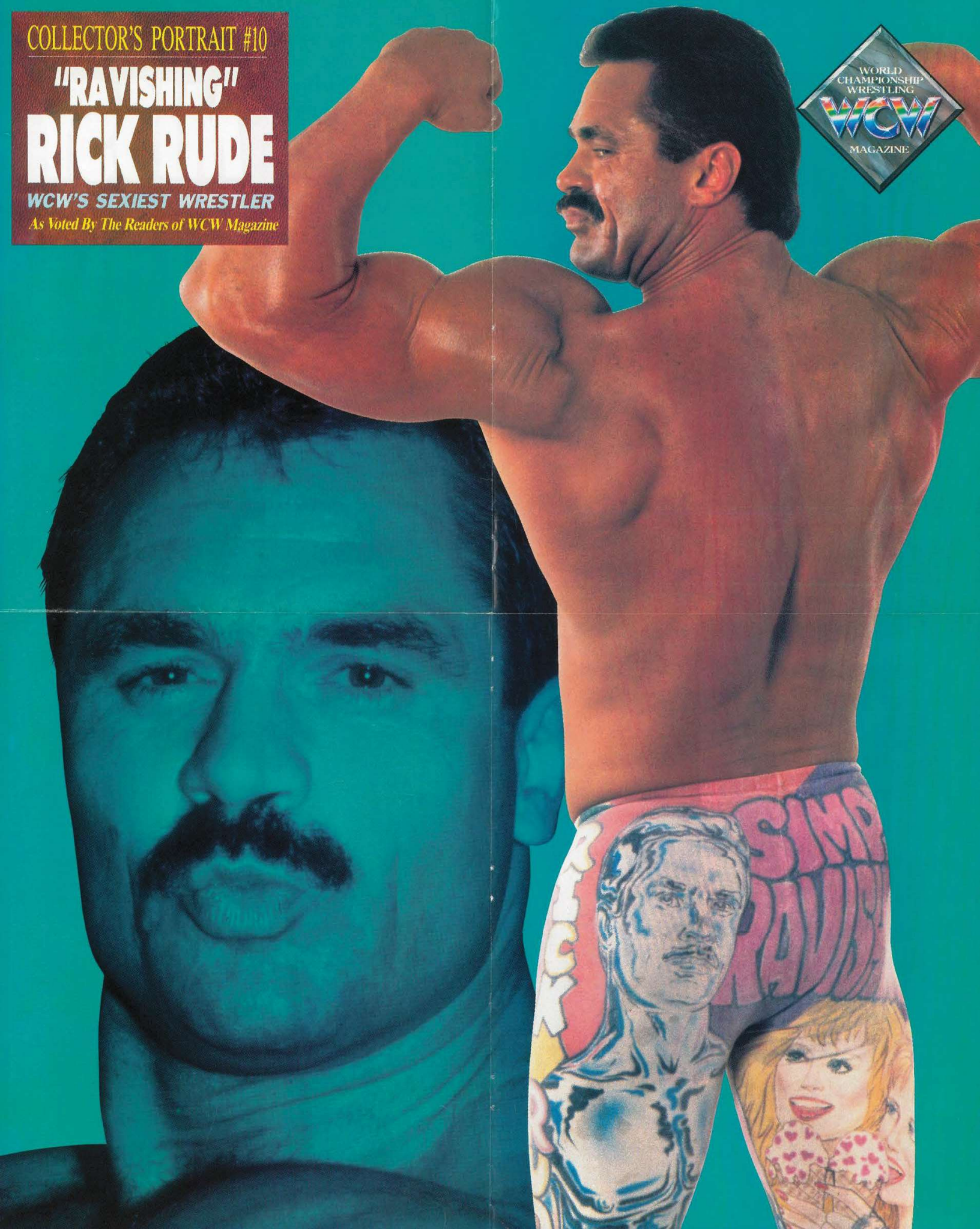

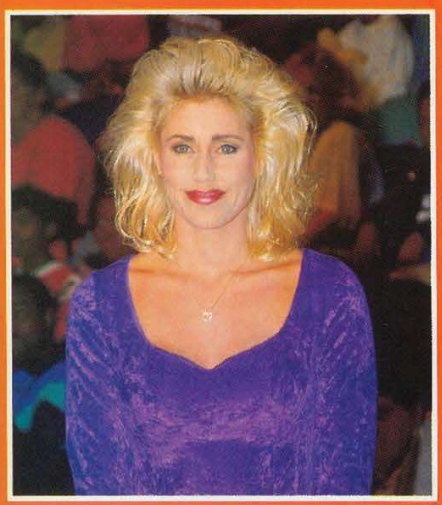

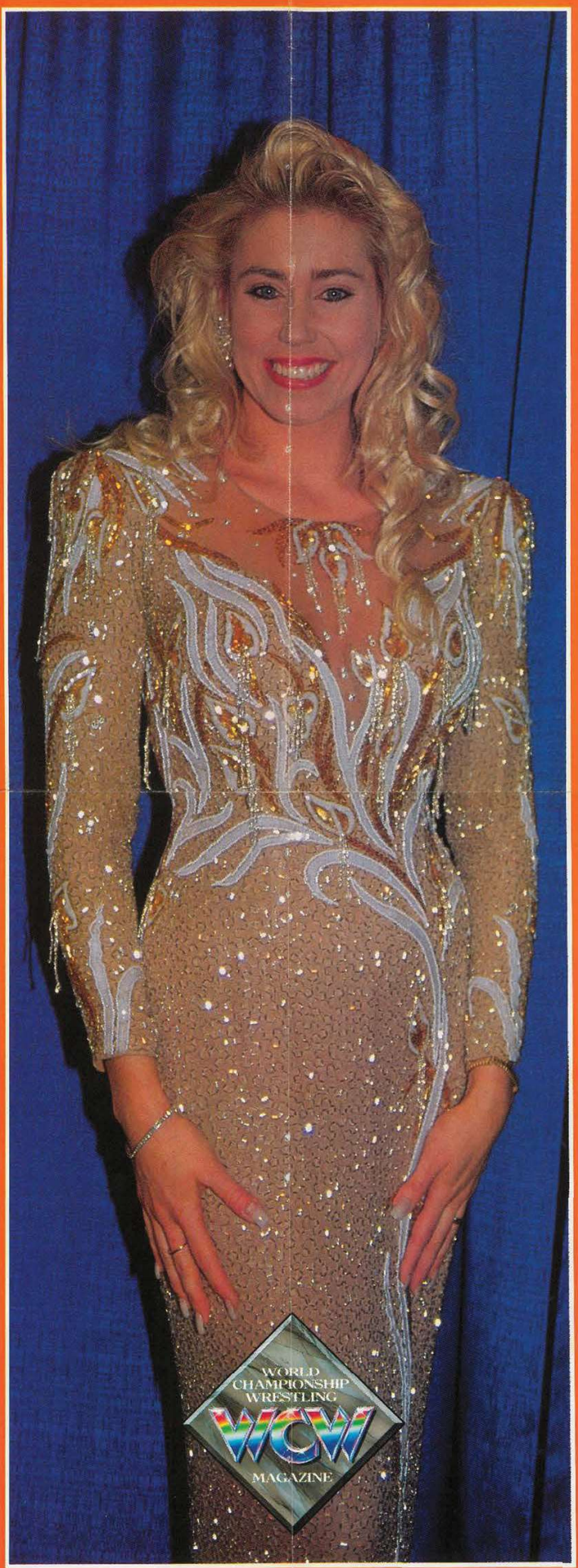

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MISSY HYATT

THE FIRST LADY OF WCW

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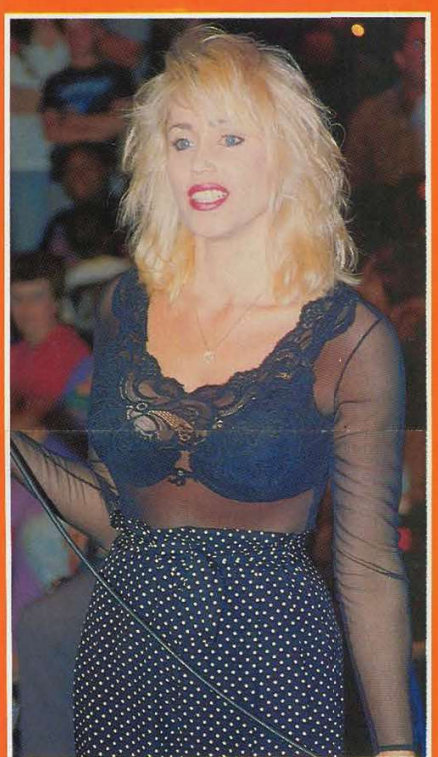

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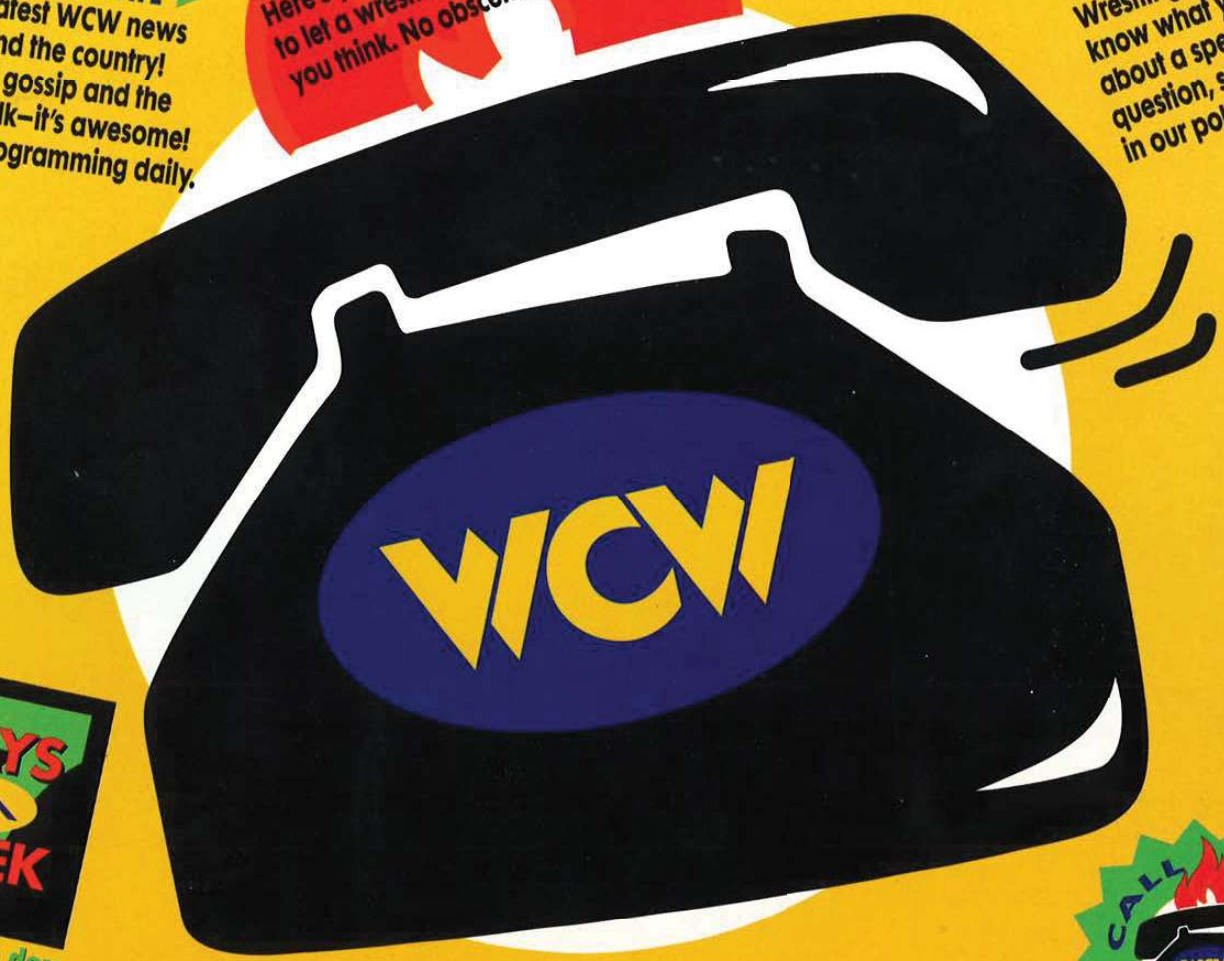

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